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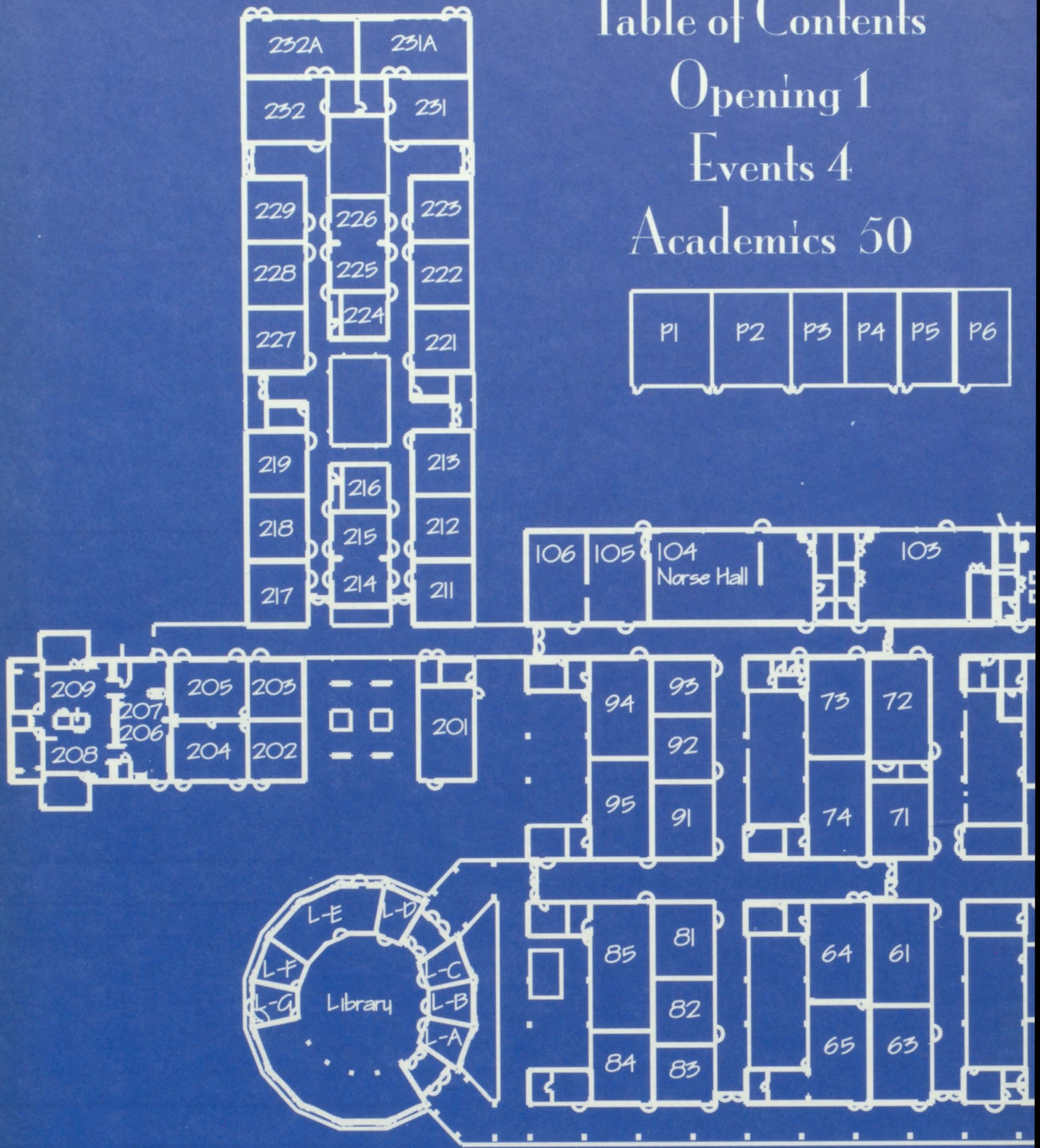

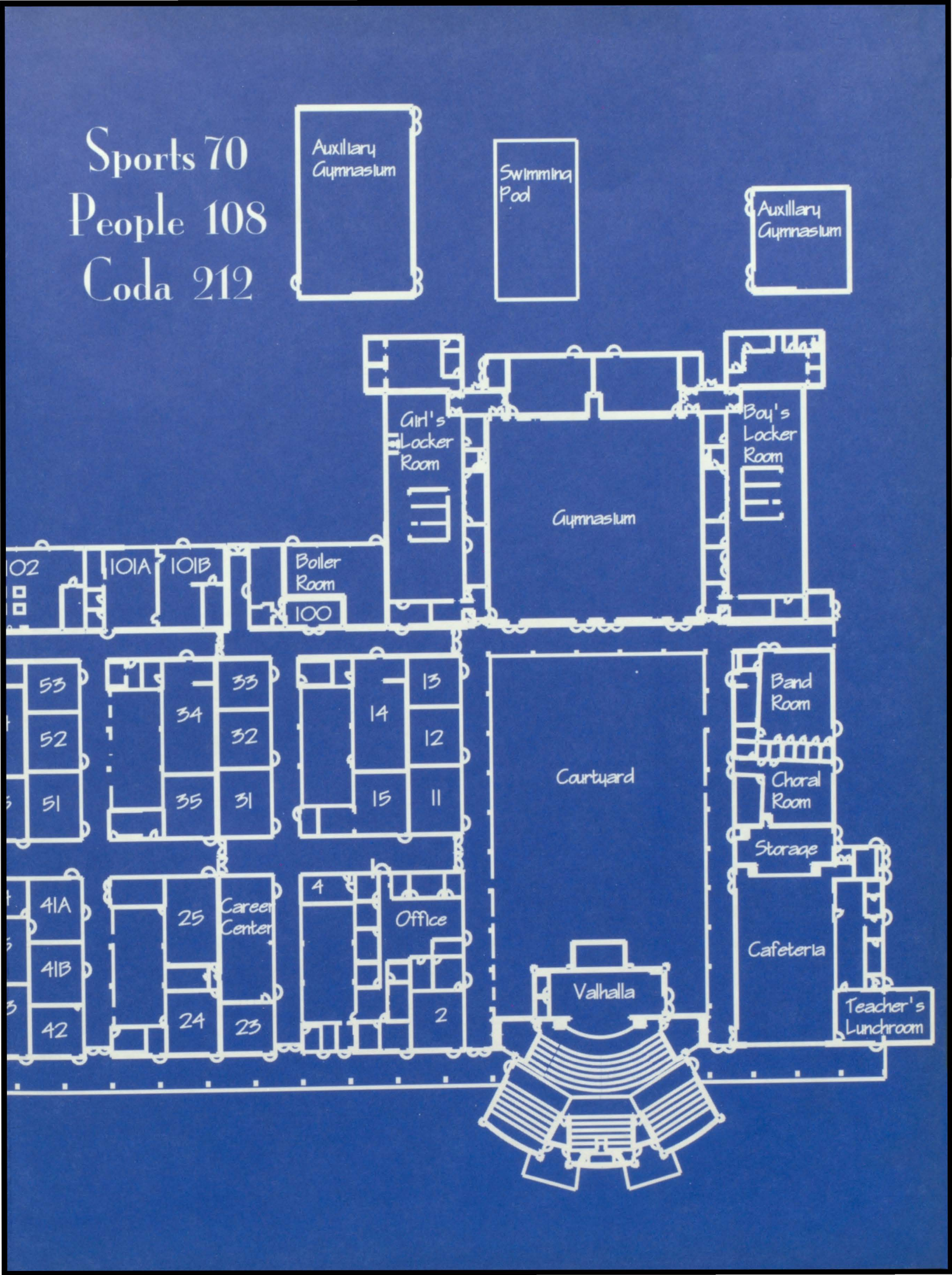
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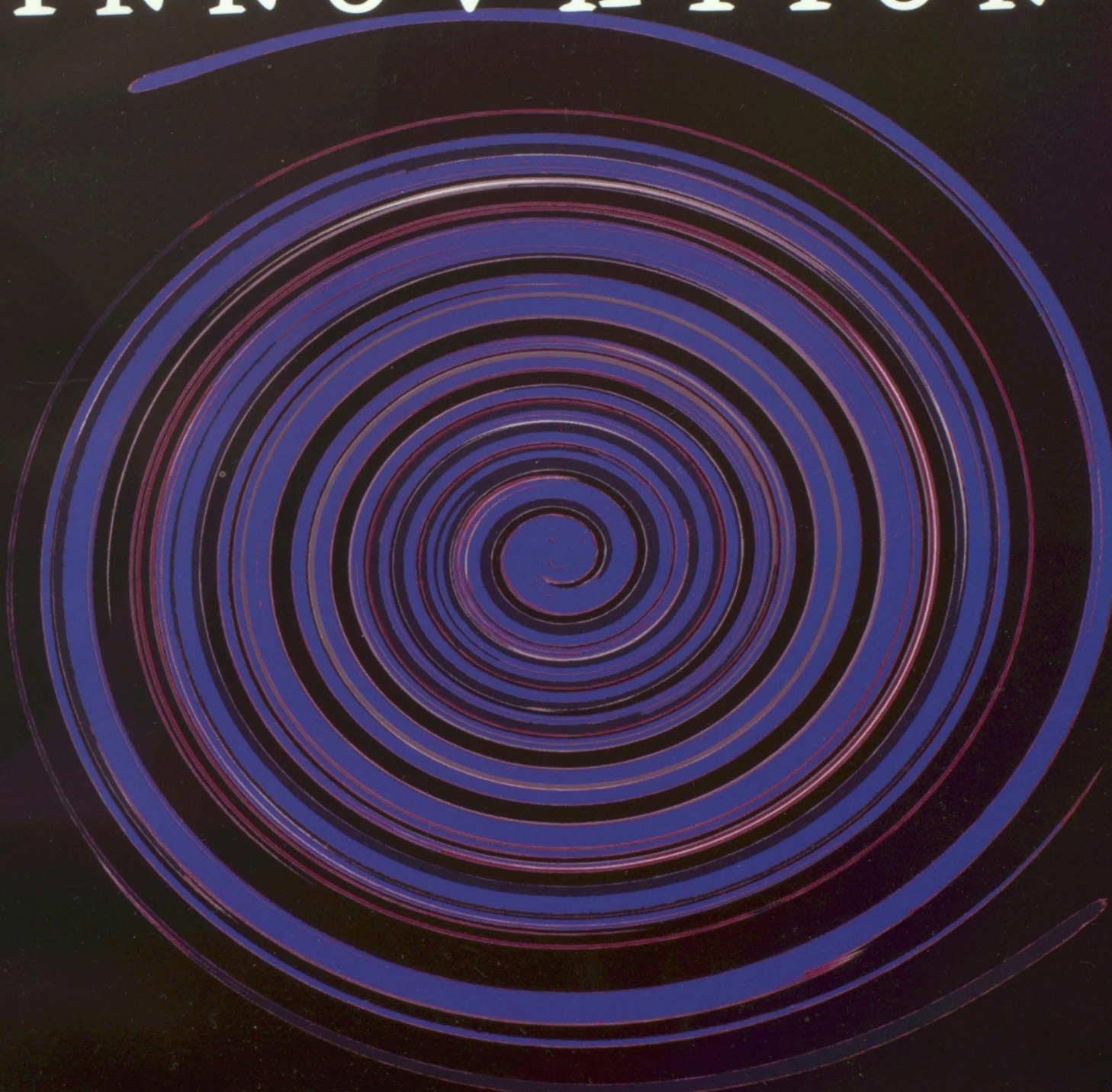

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INNOVATION RENOVATION

By Rachel Hillman

In 2000-2001, Irvington experienced a number of changes in both its facilities and its community. For the first part of the year, the campus looked like a warzone, with piles of debris and construction equipment scattered around the hallways. Loose wires dangled from the walls and missing tiles pockmarked the floors. We had no heat until mid-November, so students and teachers huddled around space heaters in gloves and scarves and even blankets. Valhalla was closed for the first semester, forcing the PAD to cancel the fall show. However, beneath the chaotic surface, Irvington continued to build its foundation of educational excellence, piloting new programs and working with a variety of educational researchers to optimize our learning environment.

In November, our hard work paid off. We were honored as a New American High School for educational innovation and excellence. With this, Irvington joins an extremely selective group of top-ranked schools across the nation. Only 27 high schools in the US received this award this year, and only 59 have been so honored since the award was created in 1996. Along with the prestige of the award, we are now eligible for a number of grants which will allow us to keep building on our past success.

This year brought another change to our campus. Horner eighth-graders came to high school thinking they knew the entire freshman class coming in, but they were wrong. The 300 Horner graduates merged with the 150 Weibel/Hopkins transfers to create Irvington High Schools class of 2004, the largest IHS has seen in decades. Several new programs were added to the school in response to the needs of the Hopkins students, such as honors 9th grade English classes and a golf team. But despite the concerns of Weibel parents, it was a smoother adjustment than anyone had hoped for, as students from both schools proved that teenagers are far more interested in making friends than perpetuating pointless feuds. With each coming year, Irvington will welcome more and more Weibel kids, who will, in turn, change the demographics of IHS.

Finally, the faculty underwent a major facelift, with a huge number of new teachers joining our staff. Irvington is no stranger to turnover, but this year was especially challenging, since nearly 40% of our faculty left last June. Due to the difficulty of finding qualified and willing teachers in a booming economy, several positions remained unfilled weeks into the school year.

Change is inevitable. Dealing with a fast-paced, impermanent world is a necessary skill for success in these chaotic times. As a constantly shifting learning environment, Irvington is preparing its students to face the everchanging world beyond high school.

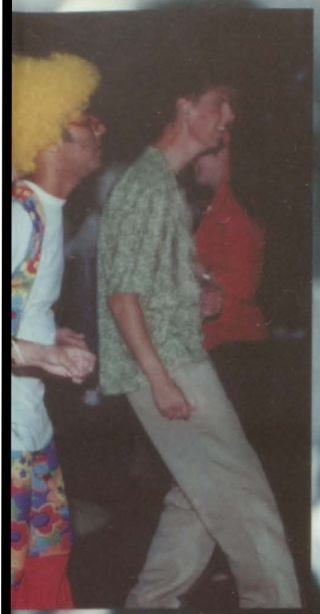
CELEBRATION

Freshmen Andy Tran and Liz Choo look upon the Spirit Week crowd in the courtyard with awe. Homecoming activities are often a ninth grader's first heady taste of what high school life is all about.

Their Homecoming skit featured disco duds and dancing, as befits Seniors Staying Alive. It's harder to stay in time than Kevin Lin, Gisel Calvillo, Kunal Mehta, and Matt Creasman thought when they signed up to do this.

Returning to class after the third fire drill of the day, the crowds are understandably exasperated at the repeated interruptions. It's no fun standing outside in the middle of November, they'd rather be in their classrooms...taking a test.

EVENTS

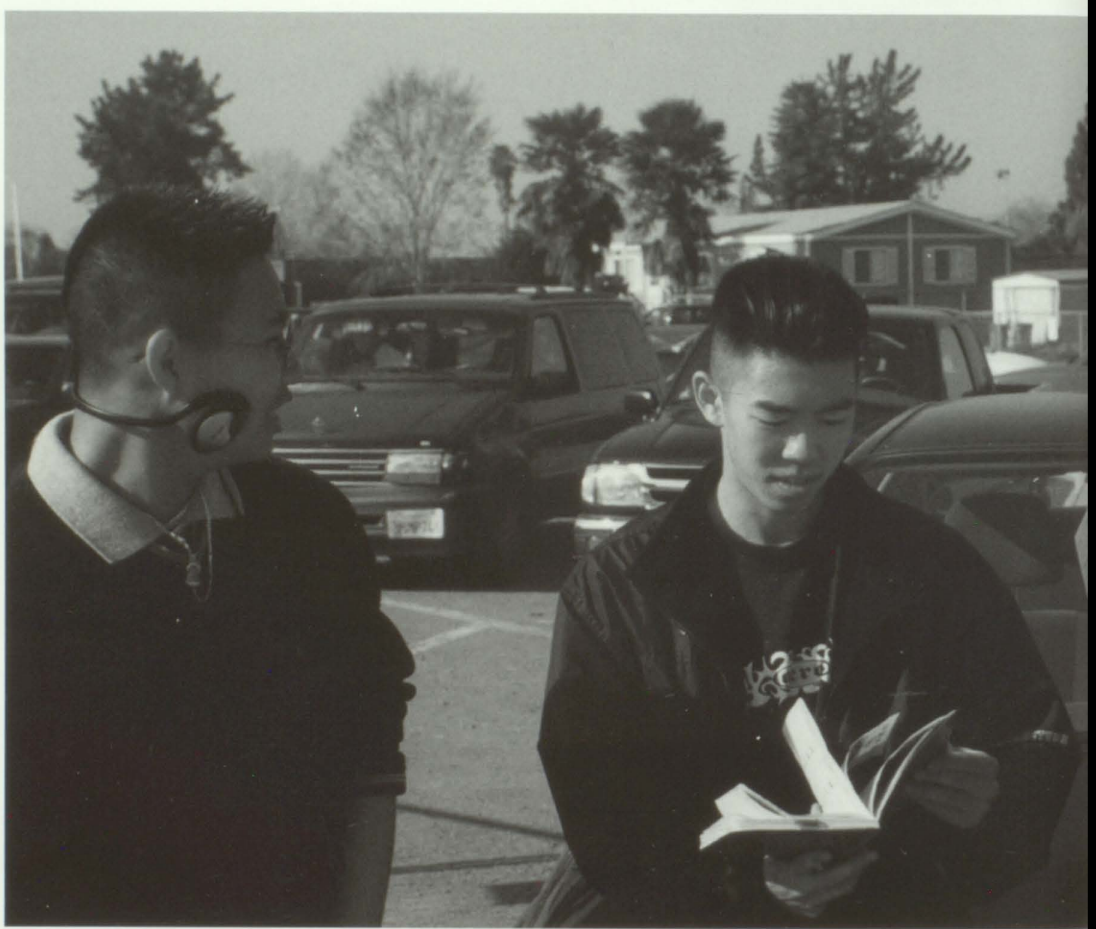


The daily routine of student life may seem trite and trivial to some, but to those of us in high school, this IS real life. Dances, rallies, class projects and just hanging out may not change the course of the world, but these activities though they seem frivolous to some adults do serve to prepare us for life after high school, as well as relieve the stress of modern life.

It isn't easy growing up in this high paced world. Having some time to enjoy yourself helps to keep everything in perspective.

Brian Loeswick speeds back to his team to win the Homecoming relay. This y sophomores swept the courtyard activities during Spirit Week with their loud thusiastic participation.

Saga adviser, Teri Hu, discusses sales figures with yearbook business manager, Susanna Tuan. Sales were particularly brisk at Freshman Maze this year, probably due to the influx of ninth graders from the Weibel area.



Steven Nguyen, Danny Lau, and Gary Ta look over their new Irvington planners as they wait for rides after Maze. The informative datebook, which all IHS students are required to have, is bargain priced at only $5.

The neat and orderly lines that snaked out of the cafeteria reassured students and parents that everything was under control despite the disruption caused by the renovation of the school. Although the construction work is very much behind schedule, it *will* be completed before next year's Maze Days.

A Mazing Daze

By Mariejhun Aguas

The start of a new school year elicits mixed emotions for all students. On the one hand, it's hard to say goodbye to the lazy freedom of summer, on the other, it's always exciting to be back in the heady rush of school with everyone else. This year, school started even earlier than usual, bringing us back to the hallowed hallways of Irvington High School before Labor Day weekend.

Maze Days, Irvington's traditional orientation activities, fell on August 28th and 29th this year. As usual, new and returning students picked up their schedules, picked out their lockers, and generally took care of business. Many students did not get a chance to shoot their school photos at Maze this year, which led to an extra photo make-up day in November.

Another Maze Day activity was club rush, where student organizations set up booths to attract members as IHS students wandered through the crowded cafeteria. Other stations included sign-ups for Driver's Ed, Yearbook sales, and a booth for Irvtown gear, where trendy new T-shirt designs quickly sold out.

Even with a growing population of over 1700 students to serve this year, Irvtown's Maze Day was surprising peaceful and well-organized. It's nice that students are so helpful and well-behaved, and there were no serious backlogs at any of the stations. Everything seems to run really smoothly,' said a freshman student's mother as she wrote out yet another check, payable to IHS. It's a good thing she liked it, since she'll have three more years to enjoy Maze Day activities with her student.

Teachers underwent their own orientation at Irvtown. Mr. Don Azevada, Ms. Valerie Hodin, and Mrs. Sharon McMahon help themselves to breakfast as they get ready to buckle down to another day of intensive teacher training.

Construction Confusion

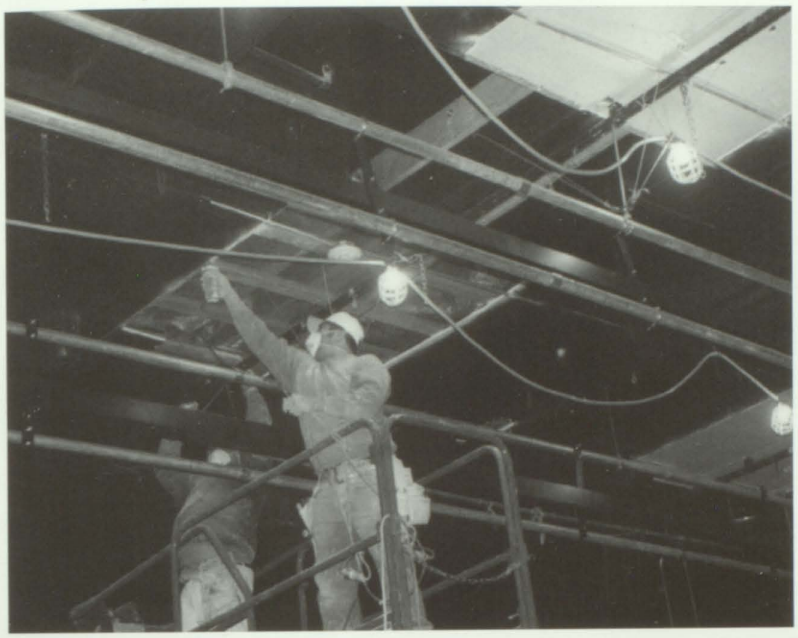
By Rachel Hillman

Don't you just love trying to concentrate on a test in AP English while workmen hammer on the roof? How about being directed away from your target classroom in a detour overrun with stampeding seniors? How do you make up a timed Chemistry lab when the fire alarm goes off and you spend twenty precious minutes standing around the basketball courts, waiting for the all-clear bell to ring? Throughout this topsy-turvy year, Irvingtonians have been affected by the chaos of construction on campus. Sometimes, the disruption of the renovation has been more than just an inconvenience, as when senior Aaron Jones's car was hit by a workman's vehicle on his way back from lunch one day. But most of the time, the problems are a minor, but constant, annoyance.

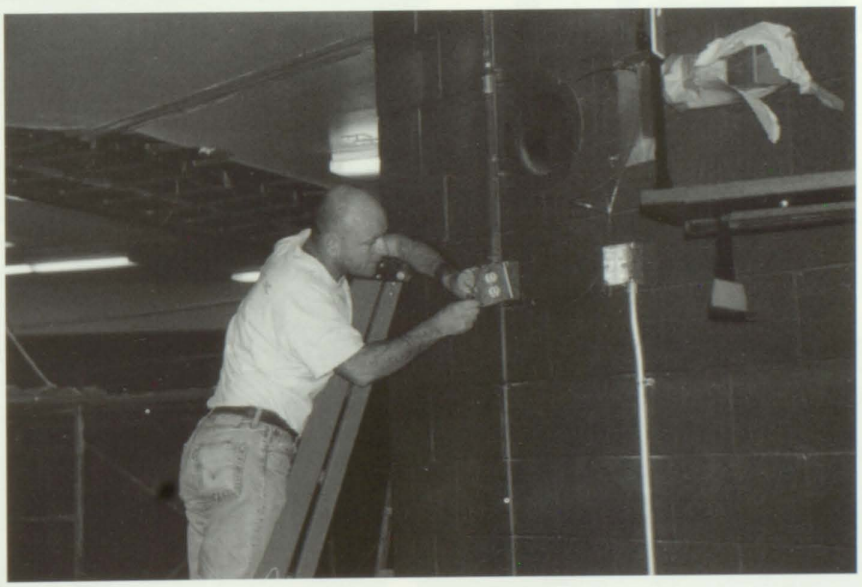
Isn't it amazing that Irvington students and teachers can still focus on learning when their environment is constantly shifting? Even though the hallways are cluttered with debris, the classrooms are crowded with workmen and their tools, and the horseshoe is packed with dumpsters, IHS students keep going, working and learning despite the frustration and distractions of the renovation. Seniors are still working diligently on QUEST projects, juniors are still cramming for SATs, and sophomores are still plugging away at the UN benchmark. Freshmen don't even realize that high school isn't normally this way. Won't they be surprised when the work is finally completed and they see the campus in its true state?

Principal Pete Murchison and VP Dave Howell discuss construction problems with Dave Leal, IHS class of 1976 and FUSD Project Supervisor. In addition to the extensive renovation of existing buildings, Irvington also added three new portable classrooms to its P-wing this year.

Skilled electricians install new wiring on the ceiling of a stripped down Valhalla. The Fall Show was cancelled this year due to construction in the theater, but luckily, a few small events were held in the newly remodeled Norse Hall, formerly known as room 104.



A tree crew removed two diseased redwoods from IHS's front lawn in October. The trees were replaced, and one was dedicated to beloved Social Studies teacher, Joseph Spinetta, who passed away Monday, September 13th, 2000.



The noise of heavy machinery rumbled through the halls as this backhoe broke ground for the new portables. Seeing the crews at work on campus gave students a firsthand idea of what career options are available in the booming construction industry.

Irvington underwent extensive rewiring throughout the renovation so classrooms could support the new technology that is coming as a result of the digital high school grant. This led to unforeseen problems, such as the darkroom losing ALL electrical power for nearly three months. Here, a crewman installs an outlet in the Career Center.

Jennifer Kovaks, Diane McLean, and Kimberly Colliss administer the usual administrative hazing to new AP, Mr. Greg Bailey. Since he comes from Horner, Mr. Bailey is no stranger to our quirky highjinx.

Jeff Walters and Mr. Gene Jun shoot a rubber chicken at the bleachers full of seniors during the Hello Rally. It was hard to tell who won this contest, since the chickens bounced all over the place.

HELLO RALLY...

By Mariejhun Aguas

The first rally of the school year was held on Friday, September 8, 2000. The Hello Rally gave students a chance to unite as one, meet the new ASB officers for the school year, and learn about the upcoming Hello Dance later on that night.

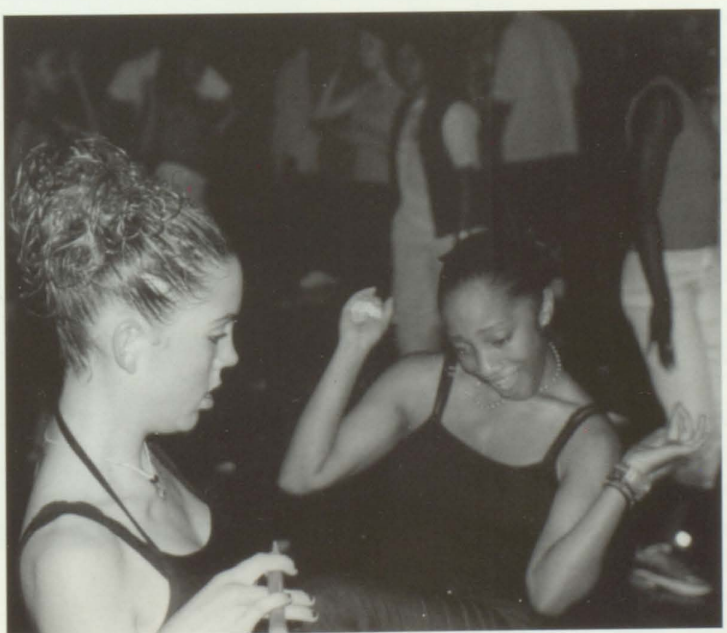
This year, the main gym was packed to the rafters with screaming, cheering Vikings. With over 1700 students at IHS this year, it is no wonder the rally was standing room only. The rally opened with introductions of our new ASB officers and announcements of the results of the freshman election. The ninth grade officers, Katherine Sese and Lyra Rosario, will join their elders in deciding school policy and organizing events.

The Chicken Slingshot Contest and Class Cheers wound the crowd up in preparation for Spirit Week, with each class cheering crazily when their year was called out. New Assistant Principal, Mr. Greg Bailey, demonstrated both his fashion sense and sense of humor by dressing up in colorful womens clothing. The many new teachers were also introduced, although the usual acoustic problems made it hard to hear what their names were.

As the first all-student assembly of the year, the Hello Rally really brings IHS students together, starting the year off with a rousing celebration of Viking spirit.

While Shawna Heath and Brandon Benner, get their groove on at the Hello Dance, they wonder what their next move will be.

...AND DANCE



Casey Dillenbeck and Macodia Quintana enjoy a rare opportunity to break the dress code on campus without being sent to the RC. Although the night was chilly, many girls wore the bare minimum to show off their back-to-school wardrobe.

Adam Welch shows off his colorful personality and spirit at the annual Hello Dance. Glowing accessories, a trend that started at underground raves, have become all the rage at school dances in the last few years.

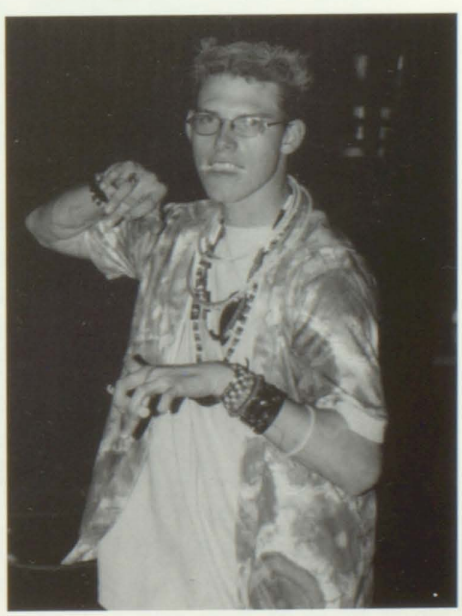
A FREE DANCE?!?

Who would've believed it? But it was true, the Hello Dance this year was completely free to students who purchased an ASB sticker. This announcement, at the Hello Rally, brought the crowd to its feet as well as to the doors of the gym later that night.

For some students, dances are a chance to hang with friends and kick it, but for others, it is a chance to show off some slick moves. Christian Palacios, a sophomore who loves to break, says 'You're nervous until you get down and start spinning. Then you forget about the people watching you and just enjoy it.'

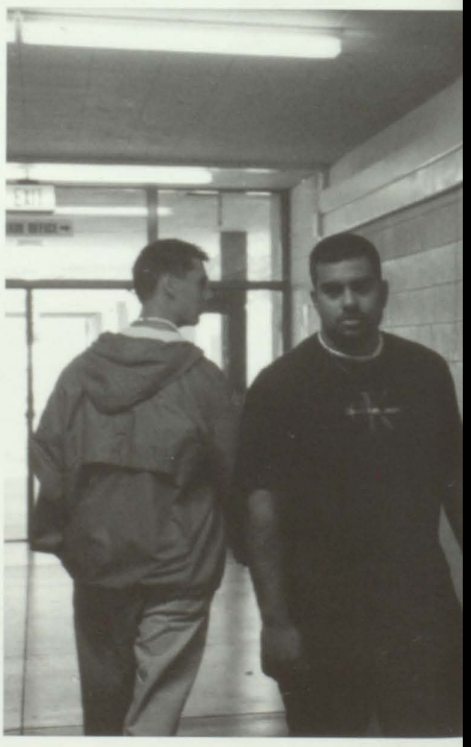
'Everyone complains about the music at these dances,' said a disgruntled DJ. 'But it can't be helped because everyone likes different music. You can't please everyone at these things.'

As usual, the crowds headed out for late-night snacks and sleepovers after the festivities were over.

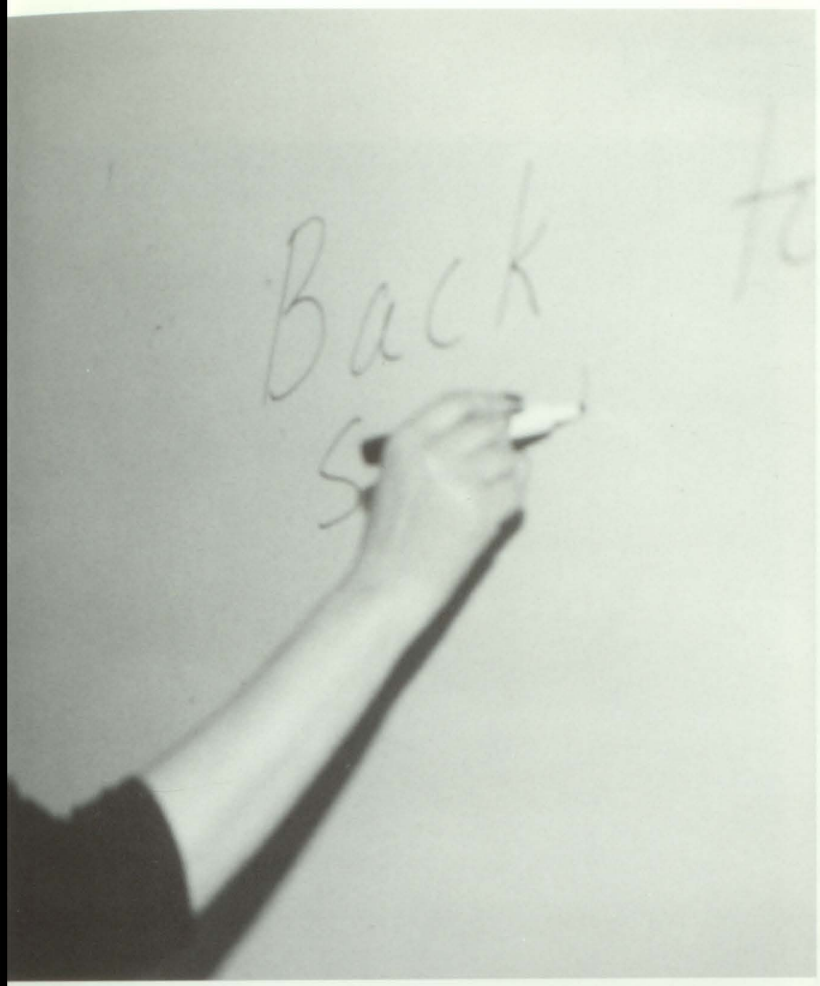


Ms. Beth Rothfuss prepares to welcome parents to her room for Back to School Night. The balmy weather helped to make this year's event a success, bringing parents out on a pleasant fall evening.

Putting some last minute additions on his bulletin board, Mr. Eric Sherer proudly displays his students' work for parental perusal. Mr. Sherer's Humanities classes have been working hard on their Government project, preparing for a mock convention and election later in October.

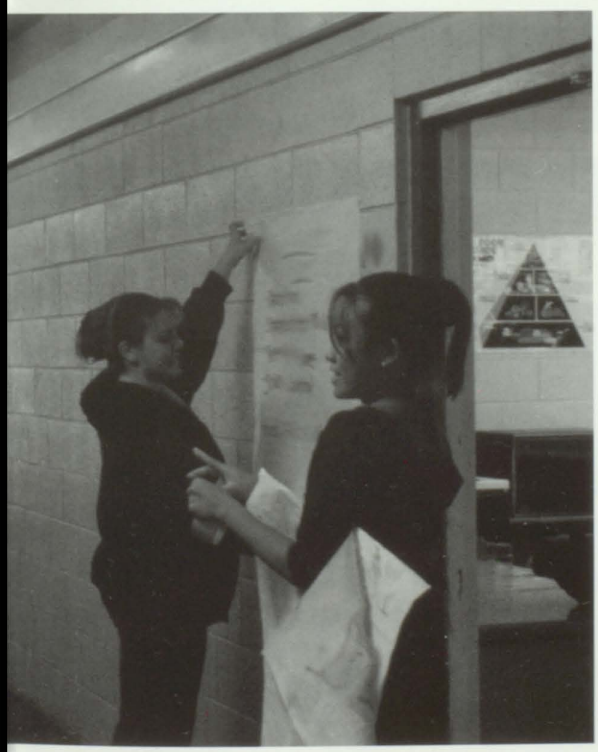


Maninder Singh, Sarena Ayres, and Valerie Navarro put up signs to direct parental traffic on Back to School Night. Although many parents are IHS alums, enough are new to the neighborhood to need some help getting around.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

By Mariejhun Aguas



On September 16th, Irvington High School held its annual Back to School Night. This event provided an opportunity for students and parents to get better acquainted with IHS staff members, old and new alike. If you were a freshman or a new student, this night would have been a good time to find out more about your teachers. New teachers as well as IHS veterans took advantage of this evening to meet and mingle with parents and students outside of the usual classroom context. For everyone, Back to School Night was a chance to connect with other members of the IHS community and hear what they had to say.

English teacher, Mrs. Julie Samrick, who teaches Humanities and freshman English says, 'Well, this isn't my first year as a teacher, so I know what to expect. Its still exciting and new, though, because its a different school.'

In room 101A, the SmartLab, Ms. Elba Rios enlisted last minute student help to put student work on the walls in preparation for Back to School Night. 'It isn't much because school just started and we haven't done much yet, but I wanted to give parents an idea of what their kids were capable of.'

Parents were treated to a shortened simulation of their student's day, sitting in cramped desks and rushing to classes between bells, just like they were teenagers all over again. For some parents, with multiple students, it was hectic trying to juggle a double schedule. 'I enjoyed it, even though I got my kids' classes mixed up and went to some of them out of order,' said one lost parent, found wandering the halls after the last bell rang. 'Its good to know what their day is like, and to meet their teachers in person.'

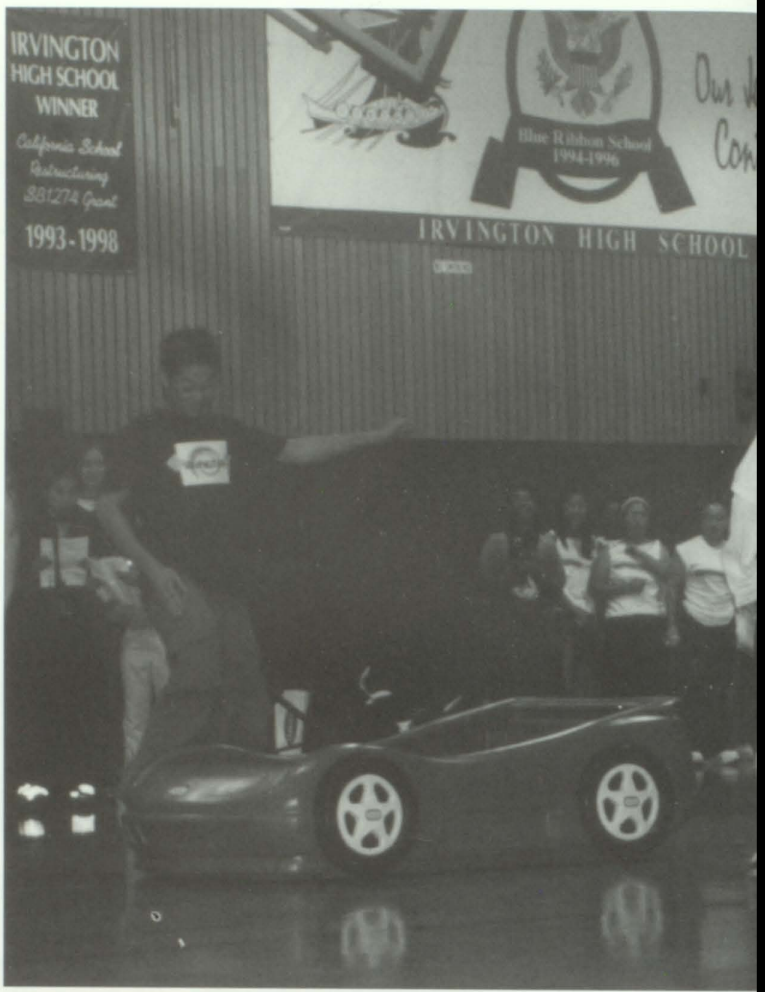
FRIDAY THE 13TH FRESHMEN

By Anita Subrahmanyam

Freshmen showed their Viking spirit during Homecoming Week by dressing up for theme days and wearing their class of 04 T-shirts. 'It was great!' said Niki Patel. 'It really feels like we're in high school now.'

Choosing Friday the 13th Freshmen as their theme, the ninth graders' skit paid homage to classic horror movie plots. Nathan Ng, Andy Tan, Heather Whitney and Carol Liu were stuck in Newark because their car broke down. They run into some scary zombielike Newark students and had to outsmart them and escape by winning a basketball game. In the end, the IHS kids got back to Irvington safe and victorious.

At the end of the skit, the freshmen did a dance number set to Michael Jackson's 80s hit, Thriller. What a knockout debut performance by the class of 2004!

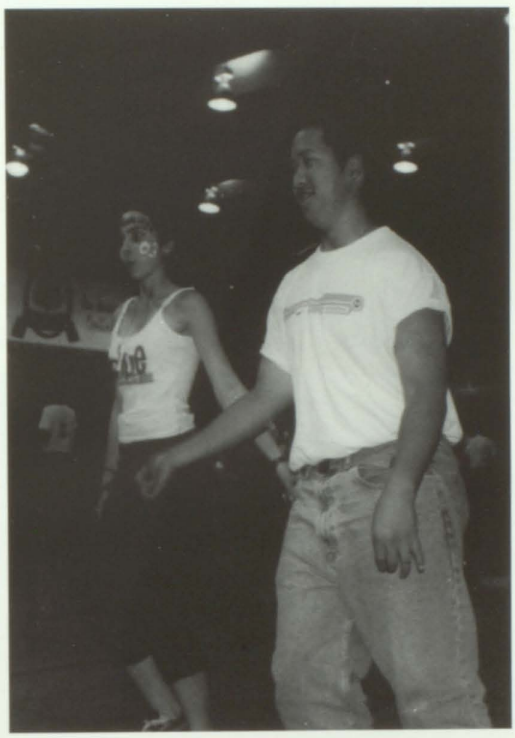


A freaky abandoned ticket booth ties in with the 9th graders' scary movie theme. It was too bad their cobwebs got all soggy from the rain.

Jane Law, dripping fake blood from her mouth, does a quick spin for the "Thriller" dance. These freshmen weren't even born when Michael Jackson's hit was riding the charts, back in 1982.

Summer Lovin' Sophomores

Nathan Ng and Carol Liu give Andy Tan a hard time about his broken down car, not realizing they are about to be set upon by Newark zombies! The Fisher-Price vehicle was a very appropriate prop for our youngest students' skit.



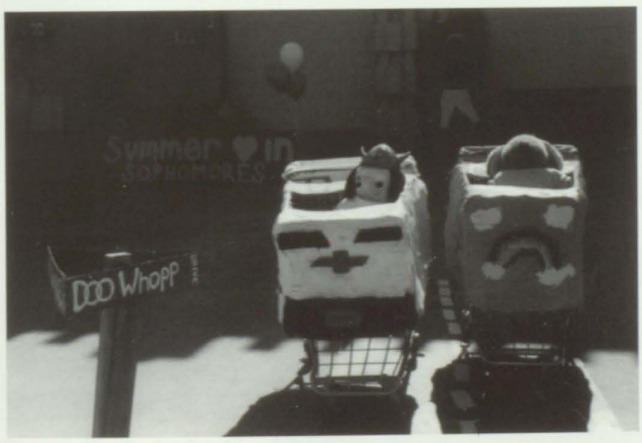
Victoria Hill and Leo Chan show off their slick dancing moves. The Sophomore skit was an integrated performance with millennial choreography set to a 1950s beat.

A colorful recyclable jukebox gives the courtyard a dinerlike feel. If only they served chili fries and lemon cokes in the cafeteria, it'd be just like the real thing.

By Susanna Tuan

The Doo Woppin' Sophomores brought back the Grease this year with their 1950s theme. Of course, *Grease, the Movie* actually came out in 1978. As 10th graders walked around in their pedal pushers, chiffon scarves and slicked-back hair, it really felt as if Irvington had entered a time warp. Of course, the school wasn't built until 1961.

The class of 03's dress up themes were Snowbound Sophomores, Secret Agent Sophomores and Surfing Sophomores. Their elaborate bench consisted of a Grease-y garage, a soda can jukebox , shopping cart race cars, and a diner counter complete with stools. All of their hard work and determination paid off when they were awarded first place in the bench-building category. David Aquino, one of the DAed dancers in the skit, said 'Even though I didn't make anything, I still had a lot of fun.'



Hot rod racers? Or decked-out shopping carts? It's hard to tell after the sophomores are done tricking out these wheels. Let's just hope they returned them to their rightful owners once Spirit Week was over.

Juniors Journey to 02

By Cassi Perez

Follow the yellow brick road right on down to IHS! Our Emerald City juniors did a great job with their Oz-some skit. With Jessica Supnet as Dorothy, kneeless munchkins, and a checkerboard tornado, the class of 02 conjured up the mystical land of Oz in our very own gymnasium.

They also had great dress-up days. Western day brought cowpokes with lassoes, snakeskin boots and even some hobbyhorses to the Irvtown campus. Another festive day was Mardi Gras, where juniors everywhere sported beads, glittery garments, and feathered accessories in vibrant colors. Phat Tuesday indeed!

Since Spirit Week is supposed to be a demonstration of a school's spirit, what better way to show your pride than a class t-shirt day? The juniors cool T-shirts not only demonstrated their graphic know-how, it was a phenomenal fundraiser for their class.

Although it was a dissappointment not to come in first, the juniors still had a great time building their bench, planning their skit, and dressing up for theme days. And the best thing about being a junior (other than not having a benchmark project) is they still have one more chance to strut their stuff!

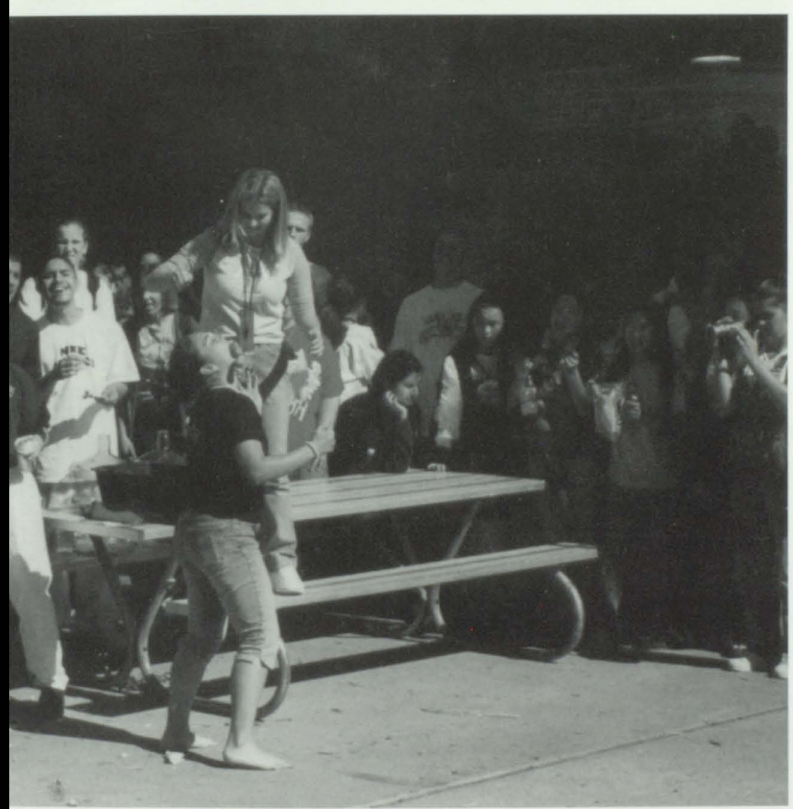
Mai Dinh stands proudly next to Dorothy's house, showing off her awesome costume. It was quite disconcerting on Monday bumping into Dorothy clones all over the place.

Aimee Barry clings to the shoulders of Shannon Baird as she runs to the finish line during the lunchtime activities on Tuesday. This was the last dry day of Spirit Week, rain moved in on Wednesday and forced activities to be confined to the gym.

Seniors Staying Alive

Erica Jhinnu, Natalie Burnham and Jacob Stone prepare to pull our juniors to victory during the Wednesday tug-o-war in the gym. Jacob said, "It was very gratifying to beat the seniors, especially since we knew we'd easily beat either the freshmen or sophonmores."

Catherine Pomeroy and Jennifer Sese get into the class cheering as the Thursday skit wraps up. Way to go Seniors!!



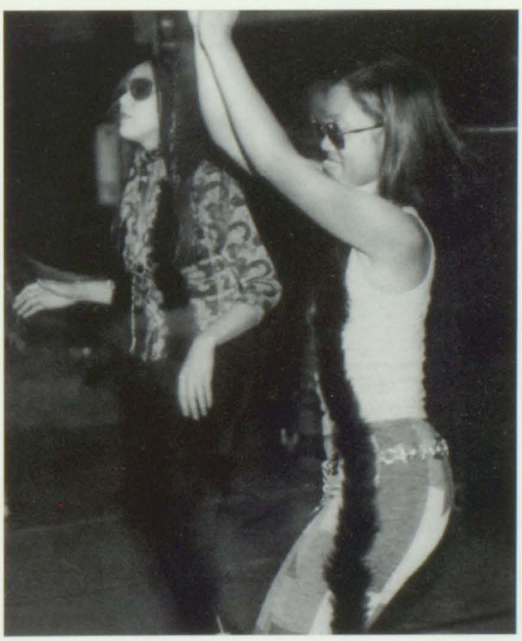
Alison Pinto desperately tries to consume a whole donut, dangled by Catherine Pomeroy, without using her hands, while the senior class eggs her on. It's a good thing Irvingtonians have had plenty of practice gobbling down Maple Leaf donuts as fast as they can.

Rio Delrosario and Jenevie Gonzalez boogie on down to the beats of "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees. This hit, from the 1983 movie, came out in the same year as most of the seniors.

By Christina Pedroza

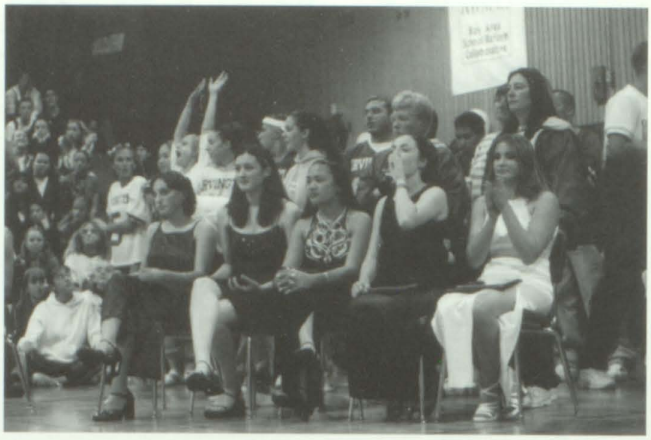
The class of 2001 were on a history kick this year. They had an 80s dress-up day, where crimped hair, sweat bands, and even stretched pants made Irvington look like the set of a John Hughes movie. Other themes included Go-to-Work day and senior T-shirt day.

Thursday dawned cold and rainy, but the seniors were on fire with 70s fever. Bellbottoms, afros and platform shoes were on display throughout the campus. In their skit, the seniors' Charlie's Angels, Christina Pedroza, Robert Dort, and Erica Terry, helped players Steven Seidler and Duane House win back Irvington's disco football from their rival, Newark. They celebrated by dancing the Hustle, where even class advisors Mrs. Sharon McMahon and Mr. Eric Sherer showed off their retro outfits. No wonder the seniors won in the skit category.



HOMECOMING

Courtney Delzompo,Veronica Caballero, Desiree Jabson, Casi Maggio, and Dana Torres are introduced as the nominees for 2000's Homecoming Queen. Decked out in lovely formal gowns, the girls were escorted into the rally by the 2000 Mr Viking nominees.



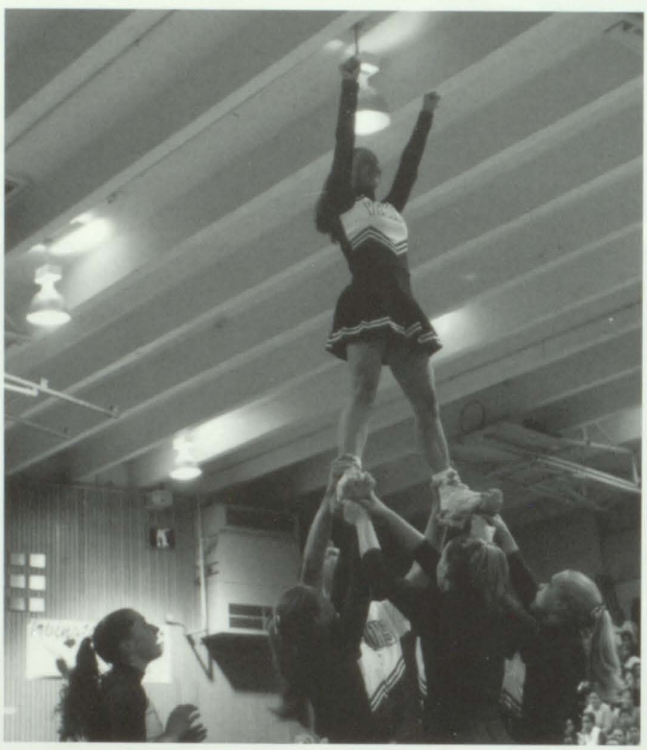
The Viking cheer squad raises Amber Lutes to the roof at the Homecoming rally. These brave and vigorous athletes perform death-defying stunts without the aid of a net or floor pads.

By Christina Pedroza

The frenzy started with the homecoming rally. Freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors tried to outcheer each other, showing that their class had the most spirit. The varsity and j.v. cheerleading squads joined forces to hype up the crowd, getting them ready to scream at the game later that evening.

With this sort of build-up, it's no wonder the football players were pumped up by the time the game against Newark began. All that energy didn't add up to victory, however, as the outcome of the game was very dissapointing to our hardworking Vikings. Varsity player, Ryan Thomas said, 'We had a chance but we shot ourselves in the foot. We still had a pretty good game, though.' Teammate Josh Blandino agreed, 'We had fun and tried our best. But at least we had good support, lots of people showed up.'

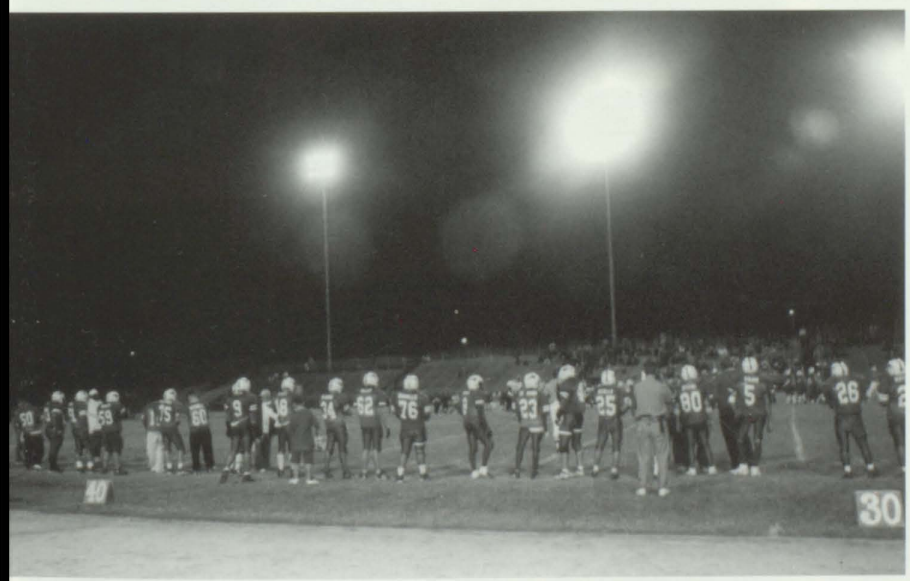
The Coronation Ball, themed 'Hollywood Night' had Irvington students panting in anticipation to see who won Mr. and Ms. Viking. When Robert Dort and Desiree Jabson were crowned at 9 pm, the crowd went crazy...this is what many of them had been waiting for all week. 'It went by so fast, and everyone had oodles of fun,' Senior Jennifer Hankins said. 'It was really nice to see the girls from my class up on court. That kind of made me realize that my high school years were coming to an end.'



Johnny Daranikone shows off his breaking moves to impress the girls as the dance gets underway. The smooth and well-polished gym floor is the perfect place to get a good spin going.

Tasi Joe announces wigged-out Nathan Carvalho for a DECA recruitment skit. They were able to get the organization's message out to a lot of students through the rally, and enrollment skyrocketed.

Robert Dort throws an arm around Desiree Jabson as he leads her out onto the floor at the Homecoming dance. As tradition dictates, the Homecoming King and Queen kick off this event by dancing together during the first slow song.



Although the Vikings could not pull off a Homecoming victory, they managed to get on the board with a respectable 3-34. The classic cars that brought the nominees onto the field were a welcome highlight of the evening.

In Loving Memory...

By Christina Pedroza,

He was a good teacher, agood friend and extremely generous in giving of himself to the needs of his friends.' says Mr Huckaby as he mourns over the death of his good friend and collegue Mr. Spinetta. This dedicated teacher here at irvington had sadly passed away on September 18, 2000 from an unexpected fatal heart attack. It was a sorrowful way of welcoming the new school year. The sudden shock of Mr. Spinetta's death brought along great sadness throughout the whole school. The student body has planted a tree at the front of the school, in memory of Mr Spinetta and there was a memorial for him shortly after his death. Students, teachers and staff all showed up at his memorial to say their last goodbyes to him. The Memory of Mr Spinetta will live on forever in the hearts of the vikings.

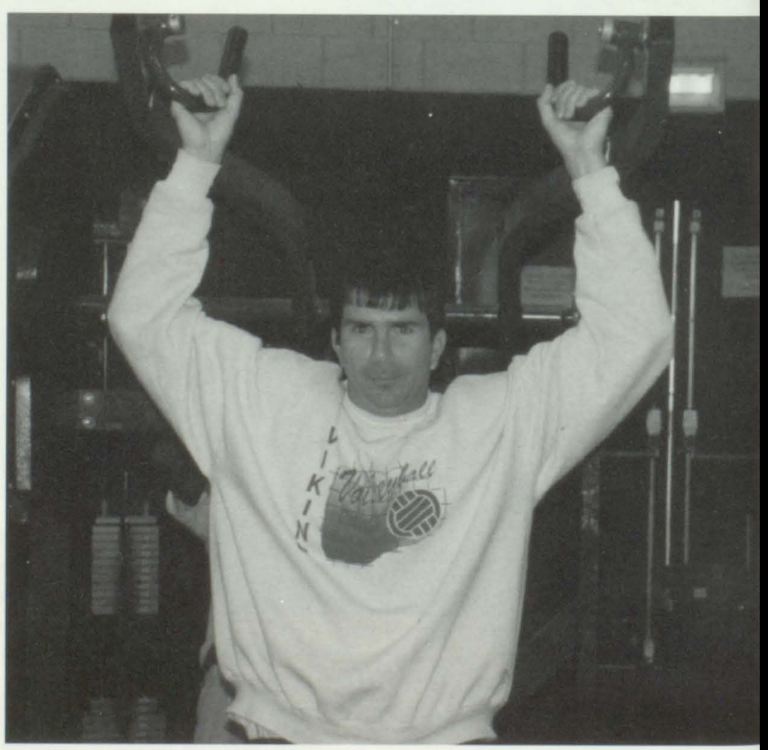
Workmen place a rock with a plaque honoring Mr. Joseph Spinetta at the foot of the tree planted in his memory. This tiny redwood will someday grow to be over 50 feet tall.

A New Weightroom...

By Mark Reynolds

In the midst of all the renovation chaos, one small but significant change to the campus facilities has gone almost overlooked. We have a new weightroom! Thanks to the efforts of PE teachers Mr. Nels Larsen and Mr. Steve Strout, Irvington recieved new-to-us machines donated from 24 Hour Fitness. The old weightroom in room 114 was just too small for the additional equipment, so it was all moved to the auxillary gym (see the endsheets for a complete blueprint of the school).

The new pieces includes cardiovascular machines, free weights and other costly equipment. IHS PE teachers are very excited about the possibilities. 'The new weight room is great and I think everyone should make use of it,' says Mr. Mark Boelter.

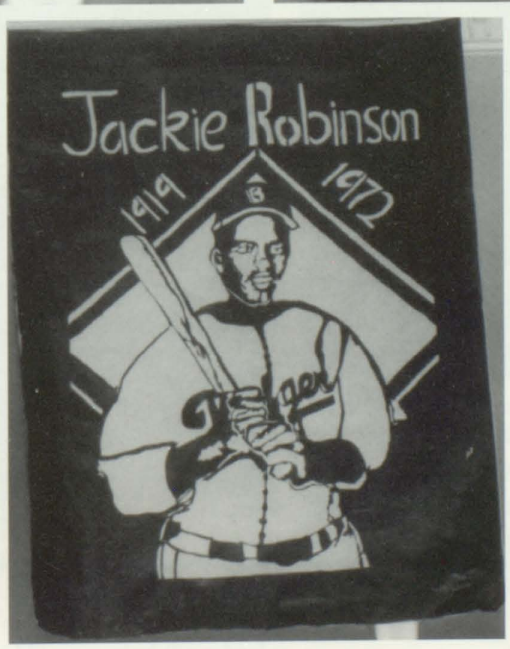


Almost-new equipment fills the mini-gym, and Coach Steve Strout can't wait to take advantage of it. He's so happy about this donation, he's agreed to put on his muscleman pose for the camera.

HONORING THE DEAD

By Anita Subrahmanyam

In November, Mr. Bob Moran's Ohlone Art classes designed a series of commemorative posters for the Dia de los Muertas. These pieces, created from black and white poster paper, were meticulously crafted by projecting an image onto white paper and tracing it onto black with carbon paper. The assignment fulfills the Ohlone requirement that they learn about contrasting positives and negatives, while also celebrating an important holiday for our community, says Mr. Moran. They worked really hard, and it came out beautifully.



"Selena"
By Diana Chien, Johnny Granillo, Adrianna Leung, Deanna Simmons, Mike Yoshioka, & Cheri Zhou

"King Tut"
By Starlina Brown, Vu Chu, Duane House, Chris Murray, & Jane Nobles

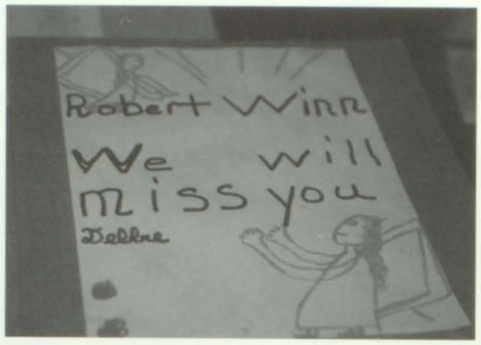
"Queen Elizabeth"
By Christina Avery, Danielle Gruchow, Michelle Higgason, Julia Jones, Lyndsie Smith, & Sarah Wheeler

"Jackie Robinson"
By Jeremy Costa, Carlos Farias, Kenneth Kim, Mike Martin, & Ramatulla Nabizada

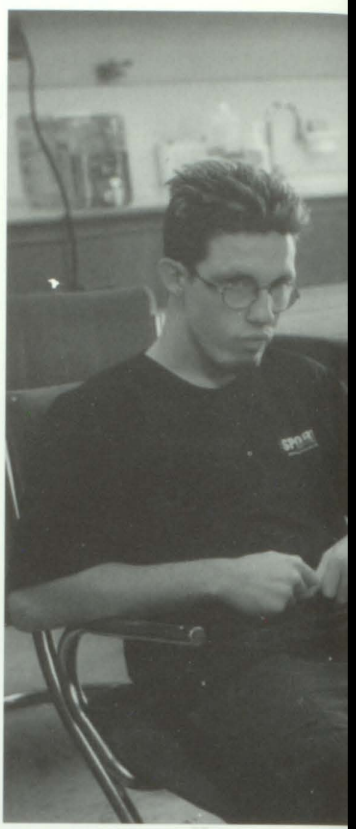
"Mother Theresa"
By Wendy Breen, Gisel Calvillo, Ed Neunzig, Reema Sewak, & Dana Torres

You're a Shining Star

Special ed students dance the night away in honor of their friend. The shining stars hanging from the cafeteria ceiling reminded everyone of Robert's bright smile.



Debbie Lee creates a touching piece of art, in memory of her departed friend, Robert Winn. Expressing their emotions, both verbally and non-verbally, is a skill that special ed fosters among their students.



By Susanna Tuan

For most people, winter break is full of fun and excitement. The holiday sprit fills the air and everyone can relax and enjoy time with their loved ones. However, this winter vacation was a tragic one for the friends and family of Robert Winn. This vibrant young man passed away on December 27, 2000, bringing a cloud of sadness over the IHS community as we mourn his untimely death.

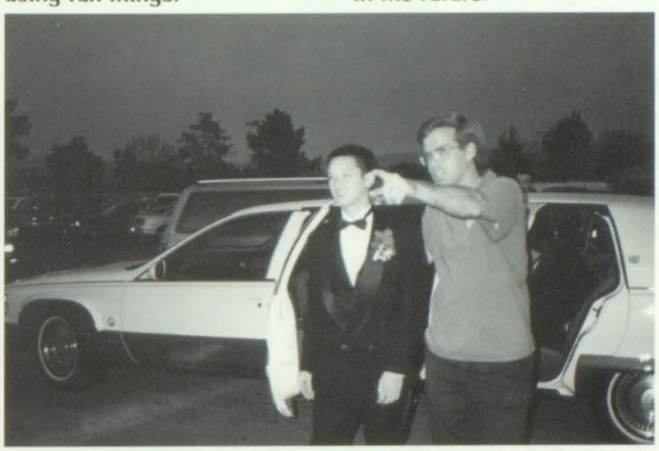
Robert loved music and parties. He was easy to get along with and everyone liked him. He attended Irvington High School for seven years, and would have graduated in 2003.

In light of his passing, it was decided that the Special Ed Winter Ball, themed 'Youre the Shining Star,' would be dedicated to Robert. This dance was the first dance ever specifically planned for the Special Ed students here at Irvington High School. Many local businesses generously donated products and services to make it a memorable occasion. It gave the students an opportunity to dress up, socialize and celebrate the season in memory of a dear friend.

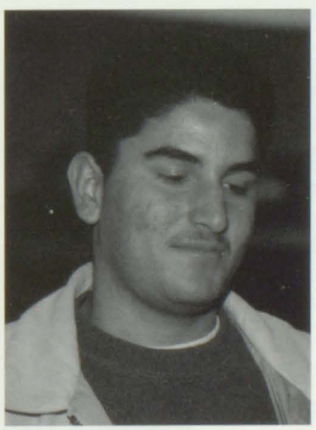
Robert Winn, Josh Watts, and Ms. Anderson enjoy a carefree game of Upwards as they wait for the end of a long school day. Students in the special ed classes come to know each other very well since they spend so much time together doing fun things.

Mr. Leo O'Neill directs Thomas Vo to the ballroom. The services of the slick limo from which the dapper young man emerged was generously donated by the Rose Family Mortuary for the night.

Annie Seiden and Anton Lau practice their waltz under the stars. Events like this help students develop social skills that they will need to live as productive members of society in the future.



Watering the plants out in the garden is a relaxing way for Rory Gabriel to learn about how things grow. Taking responsibility for some of the school's maintenance builds self-esteem and them feel like a part of the school.



"He was like a brother to me, I miss him. Sometimes I see him in my dreams. He'll always have a friend who will always miss him, I hope I see him in heaven one day."

Juan Garces

"Every time I would go to room 207 he would he would say, 'Hi how are you doing?' He used to invite me over to his room for parties. I miss him very much."

Nick Freeman

COLLEGE STRESS

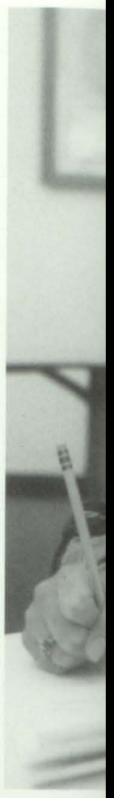
By Eric McCutcheon

In November, you could measure the stress level of IHS seniors with a yardstick. College applications, standardized tests, transcript evaluations had 12th graders scrambling to meet outside deadlines while also staying on top of their schoolwork.

The application process begins in the career center, where Ms. Linda Kimmel keeps college catalogs and applications. The University of California and California State Universities send batches of their applications to all California high schools for students convenience. Those interested in private universities can browse through catalogs and personally contact the schools of their choice for an application. The privates also require letters of recommendation, which kept teachers busy throughout the fall as well.

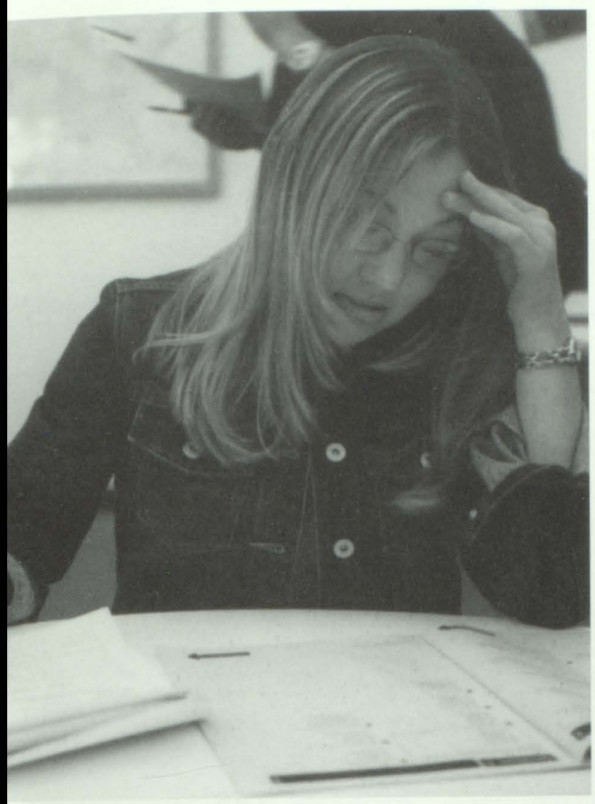
Almost all schools require a personal statement, which addresses a standard topic or asks for a students experience. This is the best place for individuals to show off their unique qualities and wow admissions officers with their writing skills.

Most people seem to procrastinate on these applications, just as they do with their homework, but senior Ray Santos had a jumpstart on his UC applications. He finished weeks before the November 30th deadline, and only revised his essay once. The thing Ray found most difficult was checking the boxes for various scholarship programs. 'There was so many of them, and they were in such fine print,' lamented Ray. We should all be that lucky!



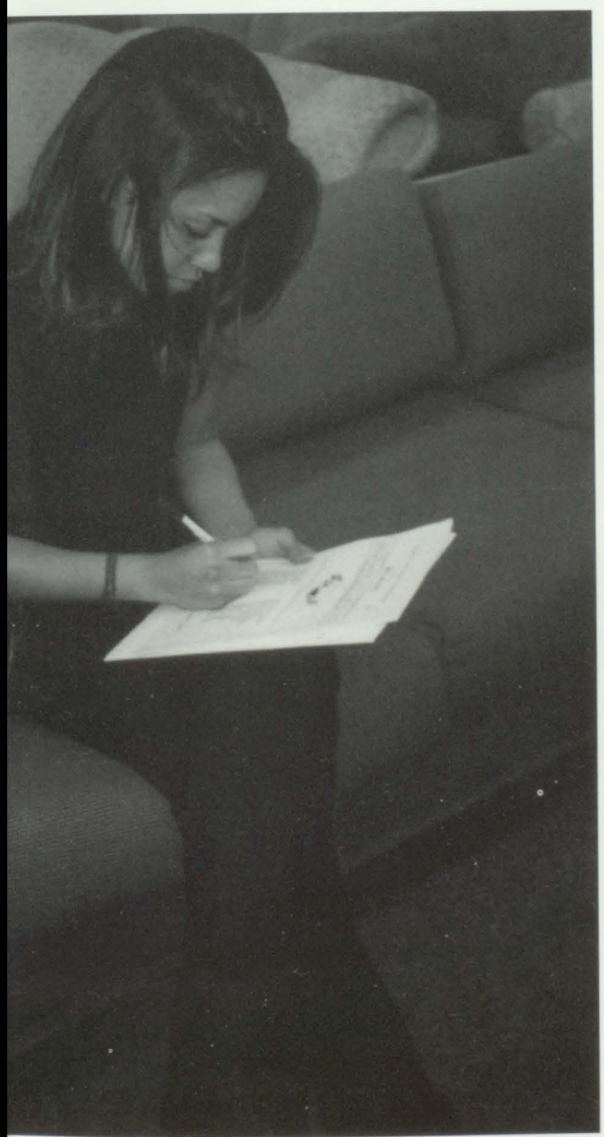
Ben Liu, Robert Dort and Kevin Lin bask in the sunshine upon their acceptance to Cal, Cal Poly and UC Davis, respectively. Their intended majors range from English Lit to Electrical Engineering...but that might change.

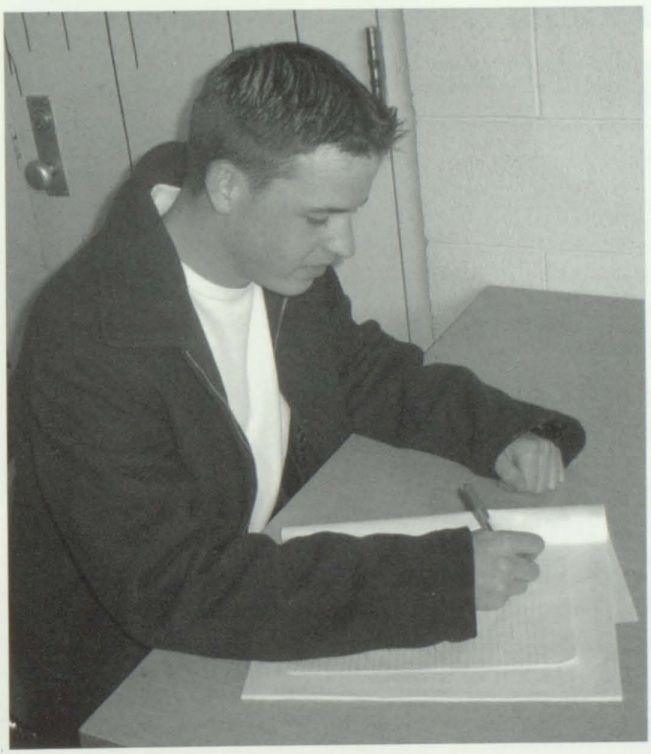
Elena Vera and Alisha Jensen check over their college applications before sending then out to the schools of their choice. Those who know suggest taking your applications to the post office personally, and springing for a certificate of mailing to prove you made the deadline.



Shhh...Cetina Taylor tries to concentrate on the PSAT. She hopes to get a high enough score to qualify for a prestigious National Merit Scholarship.

Dana Marie Torres and Reema Sewak read over each other's personal essays, a critical element of the process. Useful feedback and editing of these essays can make the difference between acceptance and rejection to the university of your choice.





Some people think the personal essay is the hardest part of the college application process. Josh Gila prefers to write longhand, for that personal touch...just don't forget to proofread and SPELLCHECK!

Kristine Scoles scrambles to complete her college application just days before it is due. Procrastination is a hard habit to break, even when it comes to such an important deadline.

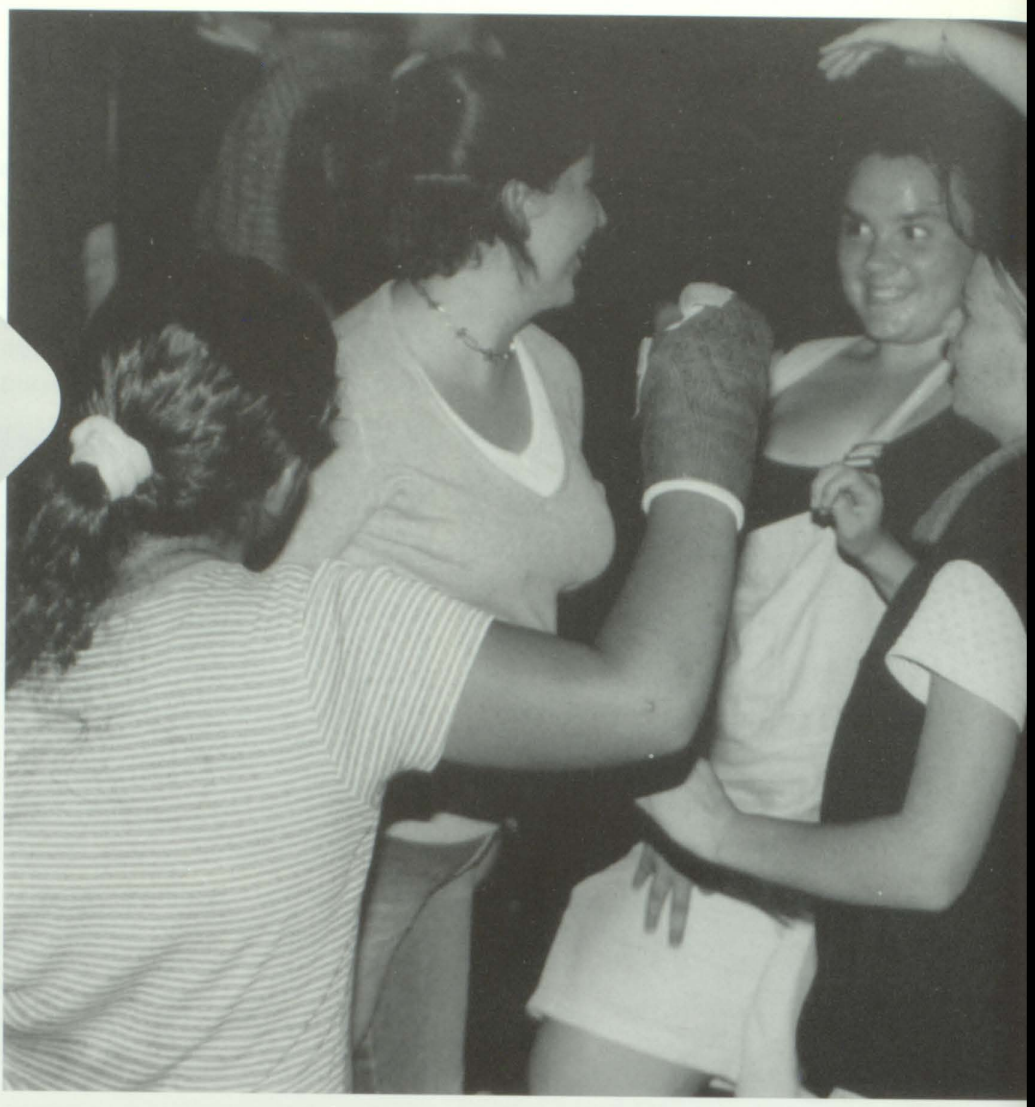
FIRE & ICE

By Anita Subrahmanyam and Rachel Hillman

'Brrr...It's cold in here, there must be some Vikings in the atmosphere!'

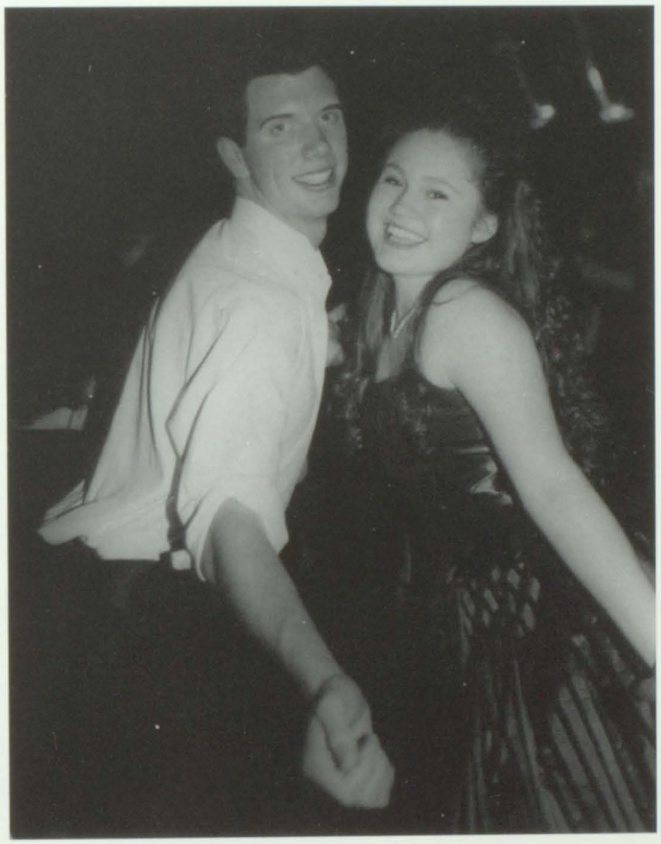
The Viking Ballroom was decorated with refreshing ice on one side and blistering flames on the other. This bipolar environment lent itself to a whirlwind of frenzied dancing...it's a good thing there was plenty of space on the dancefloor. The low attendance was dissappointing to organizers, but attendees made the most of it. After all, put together a bunch of dolled-up teenagers, loud music and flashing lights in a dark room and you can't help but have fun! Senior Mark Reynolds said 'It was fun because I was with my friends'

'Whoo...it's hot in here. There must be some Vikings in the atmosphere.'



Marc Ancheta spins on the polished gym floor. Breakdancing may be easier on your feet, but it sure can bruise the spine.

Tabassum Nagpurwala, Charel Jones and Elissa Paglianti shake their booties at the winter ball. As the only formal that underclassmen can attend without an upperclassman date, this dance is a chance for our younger students to pull out the stops.

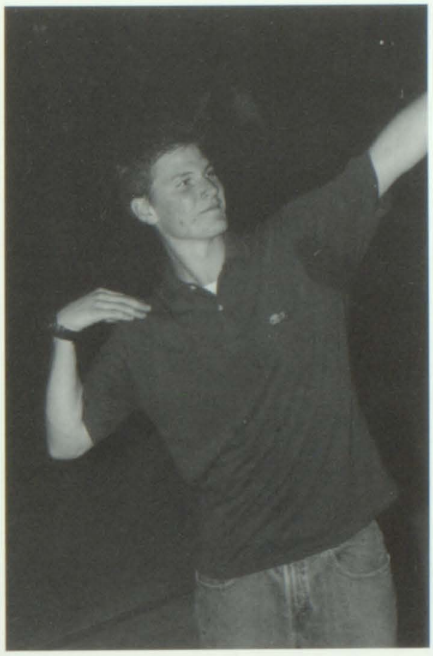


Andrew Ames and Marissa Nichols shake their groove thing. A handful of oldies kept the disco flame burning.

Johanna Murrain and Troy Livingstone take a breather from the rigors of dancing. Don't worry, they'll be back on the floor before long.

Vy Ninh and Chrstal Green boogie to the beat on a cold December night. Hopefully, they have jackets for the chilly walk home.

Doug Brock does his teapot impression to impress the girls. Let us know how it works, dude.



Brittany Dunn and Jared Figueira take advantage of a romantic ballad to dance closer. Most people seemed to flock out of the gym during the slow songs.

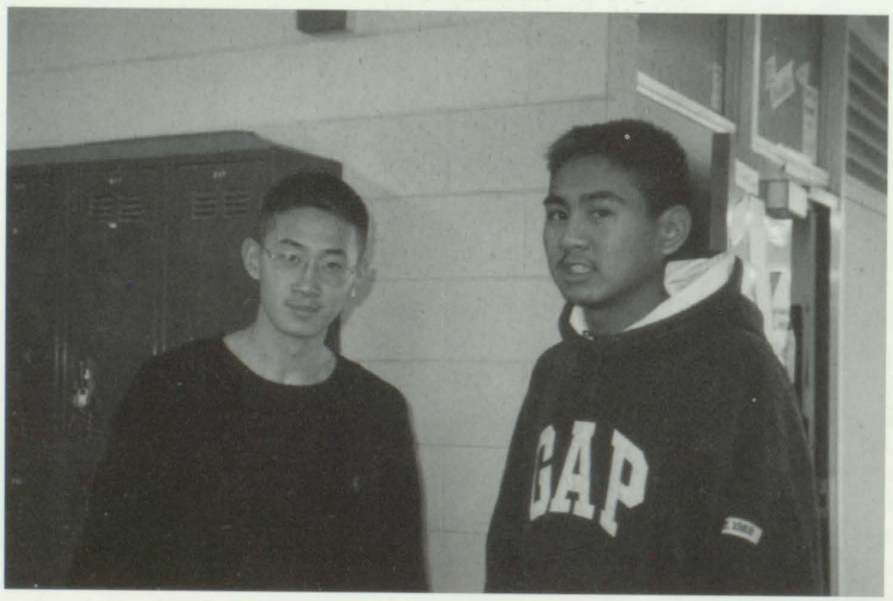
KEEPING THE FAITH

By Rachel Hillman and Anita Subrahmanyam

Irvington High School has 0.8% of Fremont's population enrolled. That may not seem like a lot, but our student body represents what Fremont is all about: diversity. Asians, Indians, Latinos, Native Americans, African Americans, Europeans, and people of mixed heritage populate our classrooms and hallways.

With diversity comes conflict. Different people from different backgrounds will have different ideas about morals, ethics, and religion. While most people don't think teenagers care about these things, it's clear that young people are very concerned with establishing what they believe in. Irvington harbors atheists, Buddhists, Catholics, Christian Scientists, Hindus, Jehovah's Witnesses, Jews, Mormons, Muslims, and Protestants, and many other religious affiliations, all of whom are proud to practice their faith freely. They are fortunate that Irvington fosters a safe place in which to express their beliefs. On the whole, Vikings have shown they are open-minded and treat each other equally no matter what faith they choose to follow.

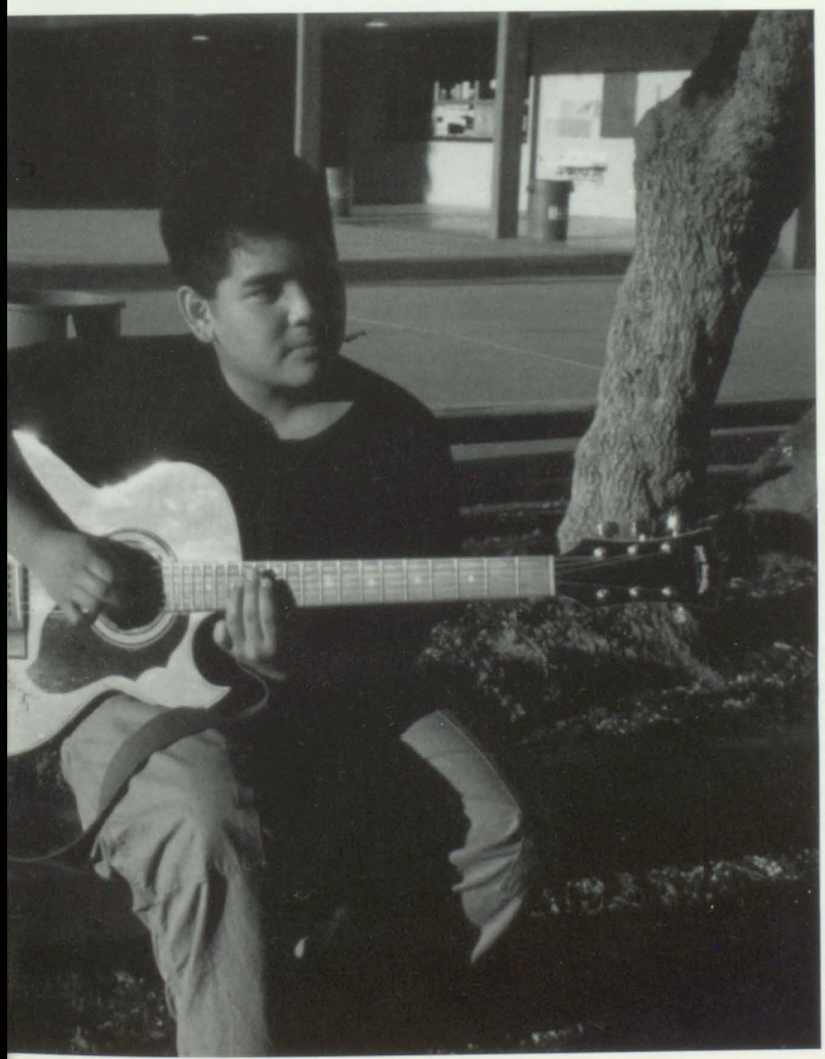
Take, for example, Eric McCutcheon and Will Zhong, both seniors, who are close friends. Eric is a Catholic and Will is a Muslim, but their religions don't interfere with their friendship. Despite their different beliefs, Eric and Will continue to have a strong friendship that takes more than religious difference to break.



Despite significantly different worldviews, Catholic Eric McCutcheon and Muslim Will Zhong can agree on one thing...they are too cool to smile for the camera.

Shamama Burney gives Elise Galdin and Amanda Woodrum the low down on her Muslim faith. An open, curious mind about religious customs helps IHS students get along in an increasingly diverse community.

Waving to a friend as she leaves for a Jewish Youth Group convention, Sasha Obukhovskaya's Star of David bracelet is a sign of her dedication to her faith. After centuries of oppression and persecution, Judaism is now recognized as one of the most important world religions, upon which Christianity and Islam are based.



"I am a Catholic. I try to keep to my beliefs, but I still respect other religions and I don't think any one religion is more right then any other."

May Mei

"I am an atheist because I am in disagreement with most other major religious organizations. However, despite different religious beliefs, I still get along with everyone."

Erin Pangilinan

Matthew Mendoza, pratices playing "In the Secret" for the next Youth Alive meeting. YA is a religious club at Irvington that provides a place for Christian youth to discuss issues.

WINTER RALL

By Rachel Hillman

Remember way back in December when the Winter Rally took place? Sure you do. You remember the Varsity Girls Basketball team coming out on scooters, don't you? Or how about the Varsity Girls Soccer team running through the gym? How about the Wrestling team stripping down for us? Yep, it all happened, and more.

Both the boy's and girls advanced dance classes performed for the audience, blowing them away with their awesome moves.

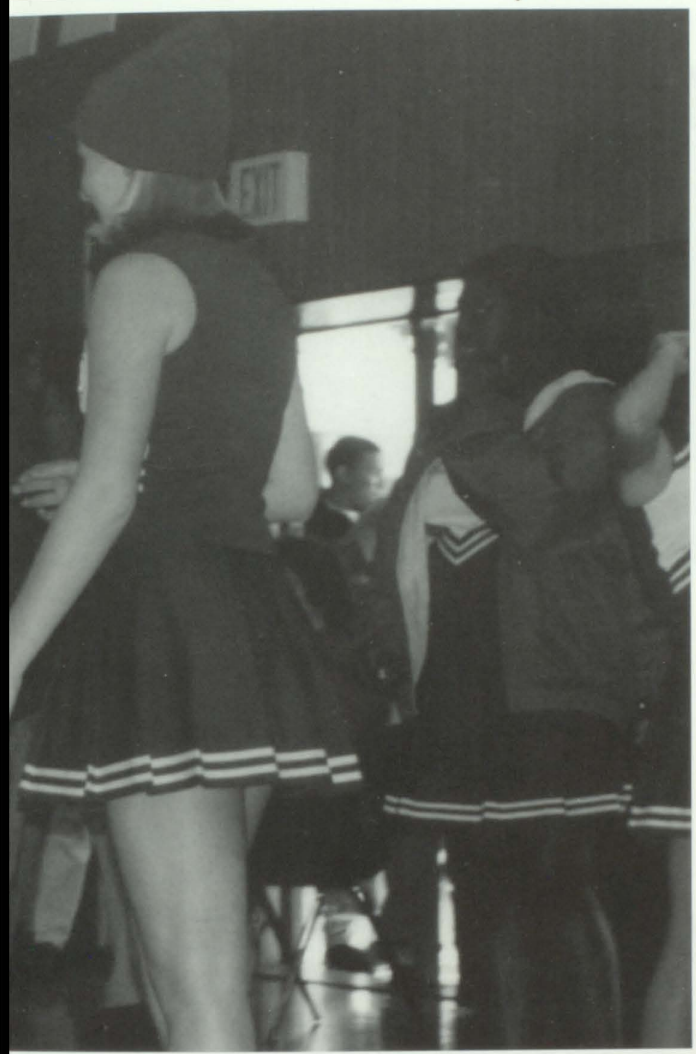
Principal Murchison announced that We the People had won their competition, and that IHS had won the New American High School Award, a few weeks before. What an exciting rally!

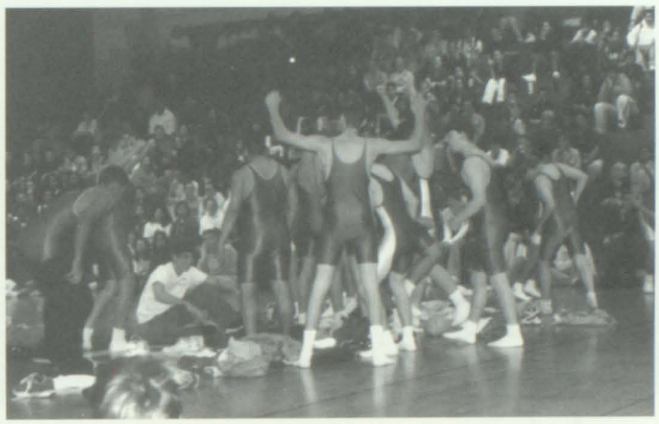
Aimee Barry, Shannon Baird and Amber Lutes get ready to lift the spirits of their fellow Vikings at the annual winter sports rally. If only they had a real camera to capture the joyous occasion. Good thing *we* did.

"Christmas Done Wrong," a dramatic sketch about the meaning of the holidays, was presented by Jessica Gila, Erin Ames and Danielle Genberg. The Drama 2 students enjoyed the rare opportunity to perform for the whole school

Ms. Linda Jackson's dance class dazzles our school with their impressive performance at this year's winter sports rally

The fun-loving, and very buff, Viking wrestlers strut their stuff at the annual winter sports rally to show everyone their pride in being part of the team.





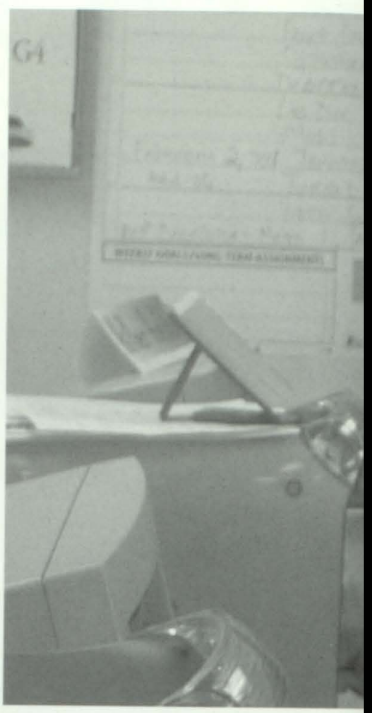
Sophomore Adam Moghadam spent an exhausting but exhilarating week as a counselor for Camp Campbell in February.

"It was fun hanging out with the kids, and telling them what to do. And I had a great time meeting other counselors from different schools and towns," said Adam. "Plus I took care of my service learning requirement for graduation, pretty cool."

Anyone else looking for a fun and fulfilling way to get some hours? Check it out.

MISSION VS. IRVINGTON

Cassi browses through an old *Costanoan*, Mission's yearbook. Sharing ideas and solutions to problems has always been an important part of a creative program.



By Anita Subrahmanyam and Rachel Hillman

What do you get when you take a Mission boy and bring him to Irvington? Did somebody say trash can? Just kidding.

What happens if an Irvington girl spends a day at that school up on the hill? Can you say culture shock?

In light of the animosity between traditional rivals Mission San Jose High and Irvington High Schools, we thought it would be an interesting (and hopefully not dangerous) experiment to swap yearbook staff members for a day. The lucky students were sent into enemy territory with orders to document their findings and track down the natives' deepest darkest secrets.

Mission's Matt Torok boldly volunteered to switch places with with Irvington's very own Cassi Perez. Here's what they had to say about each other's schools:

Cassi on Mission:

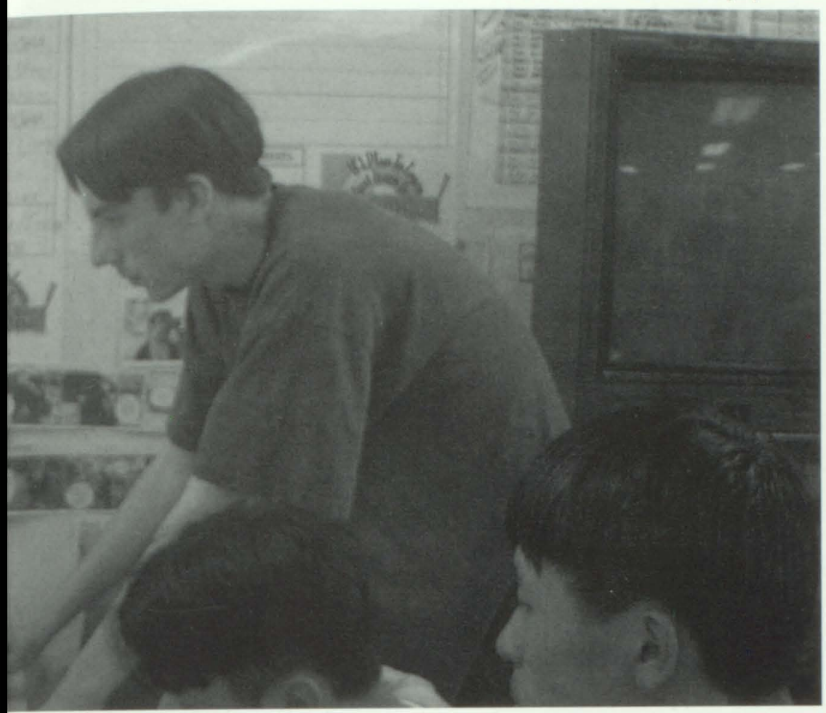
The atmosphere was so different. Everyone was stressed out about grades, homework, and colleges. That's not what I'm used to at IHS, at least not to that degree.

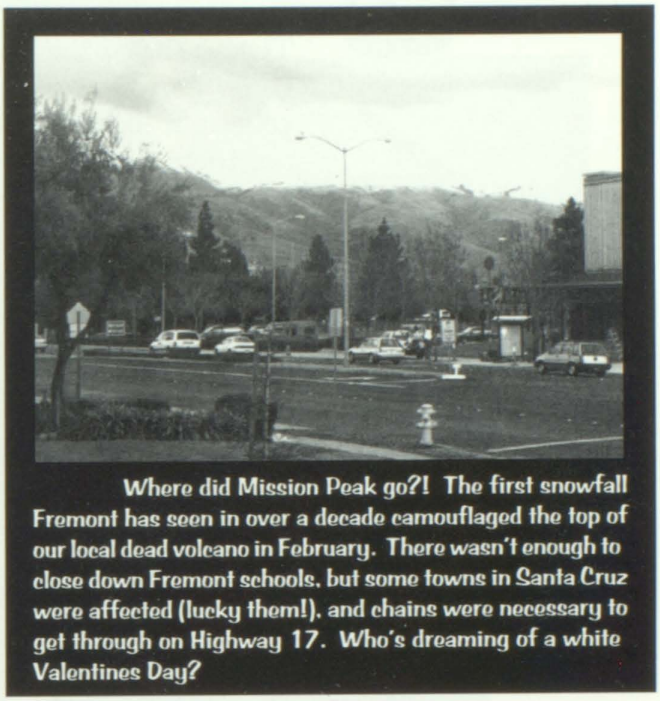
The day was rainy, so I only got to interact with people inside of the classrooms. When the teacher wasn't teaching, I asked the students around me what they thought about their school. Most people replied, 'boring,' which is pretty much what kids at IHS say, too. At least that's pretty much the same all over, I guess it's something we have in common. Even though Mission kids stress over school way more than Irvington kids, the school itself isn't all that different.

I think at Mission, there are a lot more students whose parents make sure they do well in school, but I don't know if they actually spend more time on them overall. There seems to be too much pressure placed on academics and college, and not a lot of fun. I even felt a bit stressed out after spending just one day there.

Mission is very different from IHS, which makes me happy to be a Viking.

As tech assistant, Matt spends a lot of time on the computer. Although Mission has fewer computer resources overall, their yearbook program has state of the art tech equipment.





Where did Mission Peak go?! The first snowfall Fremont has seen in over a decade camouflaged the top of our local dead volcano in February. There wasn't enough to close down Fremont schools, but some towns in Santa Cruz were affected (lucky them!), and chains were necessary to get through on Highway 17. Who's dreaming of a white Valentines Day?

Matt on Irvington:

'Ask MSJ students their opinions of IHS and you will often hear that it's like a foreign land, strange in mannerism and attitude. Sure there are differences, but underneath it all, aren't we all just a bunch of high school kids, trying to make it through?

'My day began promptly at 8:00 am, where I met with Susanna Tuan, a former MSJ student and my guide to Irvington for the day. I dutifully followed Susanna through math, Spanish, chemistry, history and English. If anyone at Mission had misgivings about Irvington's academics, let me put them to rest now: Irvington's classes were, from my sampling, more than on par with Mission's and would be challenging to even the most academically astute student.

'In reflecting on the differences between the two schools, I have one thing to report: that there is very little real difference between them. Factions at both schools are led astray by misplaced school spirit and an overly competitive society, but after my visit, I can safely say that any differences are purely superficial. Most students approach their work with much the same vigor and zeal, fraternize in the same cliques and have the same problems.'

So, as you can see, the differences between us are subtle, and have less to do with which high school we attend than our families, our communities, and our own individual personalities. Given the angry rhetoric that erupted over these perceived differences during the debate over boundary changes, it's a relief to see that Hopkinites have not been irrevocably damaged by coming to IHS, nor has IHS been fundamentally changed by their presence on campus. Both groups have merged together to form a new identity, which defines Irvington High School for the new millennium.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

By Kristine Scoles

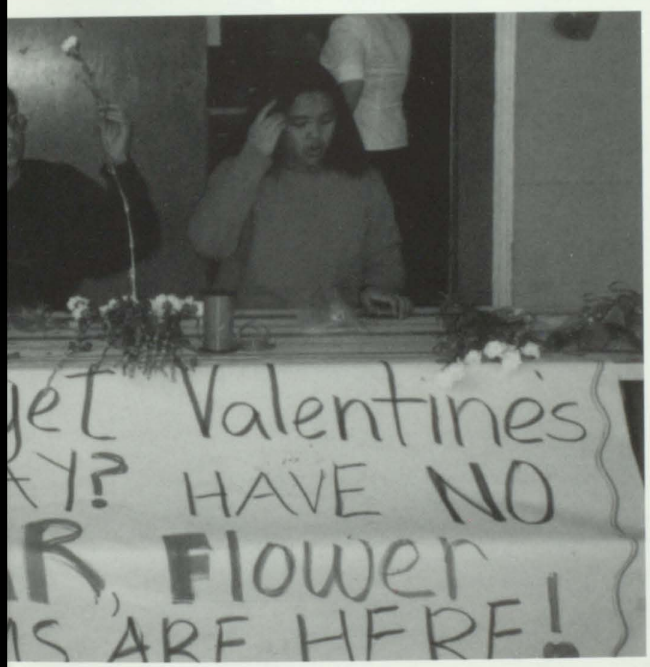
Ever wonder how Irvington clubs and teams get the money for fun activities or new equipment? Well, the answer is obvious: fundraising. Throughout the year, fundraisers are a major component of student life. Without them, students would simply miss out on many opportunities, such as field trips, guest speakers, and other alternative learning activities. This year alone, students have held candy sales, food sales, flower sales, car washes, and a casino night to help earn a litle extra money for programs within our school.

During Multi-Cultural week, many of the school clubs participated in fundraisers. Youth Alive sold rice and chicken in a bowl with a fortune cookie. When asked where the profits go, Clifton DerBing answered, "It's all for the club." DECA also took a part in Multi-Cultural week by selling those warm and delicious Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. The money they receive will go towards the events and competitions planned for the remainder of the year and for other classes in the future.

Fundraising is an important part of any modern school. Not only does it bring in money, it also teaches students important basic skills such as salesmanship, accounting, and public relations. In order to get the money they so desperately need, students must learn how to get their product or service out there and make it attractive enough for people to buy them. Then they need to keep track of their earnings and decide how it's spent. If that isn't preparing students for the real world, what is?

Zaman Virani and Tina Saparia sponsor Amanda Woodrum in a swim-a-thon. With this many supportive friends, the swim team is sure to raise enough money for their expenses this season.

Dedicated CSF member, Lynn Luo, counts her flowergram profits before turning them into the club's treasurer. Students who take on the responsibility of selling must also assume the risk of carrying cash around a busy, crowded school.



Imee Candelario and Manpuneet Jassar sell flowergrams at lunch to last minute romantics on Valentines Day. Perishable items like hot food or flowers are a risk to sell because any leftover inventory goes to waste.

Clifton DerBing, Vicky Lao, and Erin Pangilinan sell chicken rice bowls during Multi-Cultural week in order to raise money for Youth Alive. Clubs can sell anything that the school does not, so cafeteria staples like burritos or ramen cups are out of the question.

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

By Cassi Perez

When two people see each other for the first time and sparks fly, is it true love or is it just a crush?

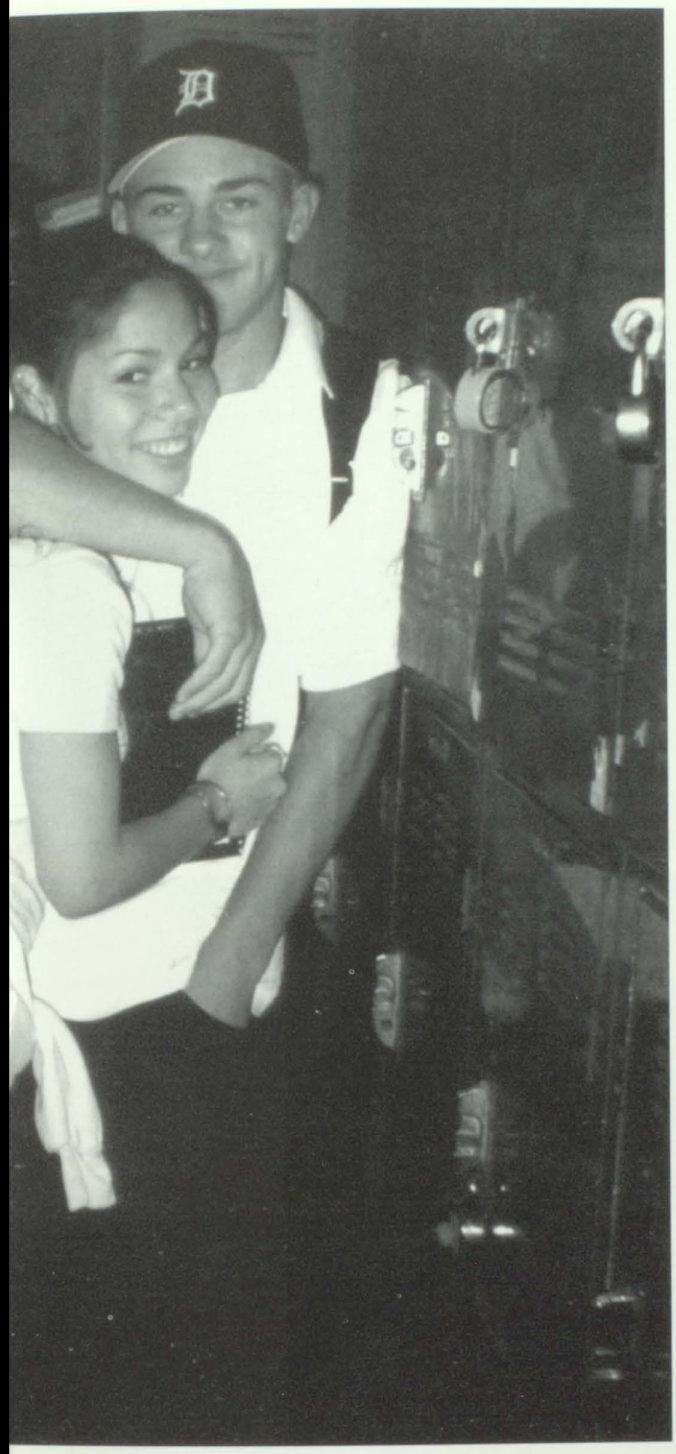
Well for Danielle Hitchcock and Michael Gonzalez, the chemistry was obvious when they first caught each others eye, yet they didn't get together until three years later. They wanted to wait and make sure of their feelings so it would last. The happy couple have been together for eleven months and plan to maintain their relationship whether they go to college or do something else after high school. At school, they see each other and hang out, but their schoolwork doesn't suffer from the distraction. The best is hanging out together on the weekends though, according to the happy couple.

True love might only come once in a lifetime. For Erica Janu and Zaman Virani, their time is now. These two have been together for a year and seven months, a very long relationship by high school standards. They see each other every day at school and also on the weekends. Both are involved in sports which take up a lot of their time, so that precious time they spend with each other is important to them. 'It makes it a lot easier that we have the same friends,' says Erica, 'so we can do things with all of us together.'

Some people may have only one romance throughout their high school years. Others may have many relationships, and suffer many ups and downs with their various love interests. It all depends on the couple and their commitment to each other.. If you are one of the lucky lovers of Irvtown, be glad you have the chance to experience the heady rush of romance...whether or not it lasts a lifetime, it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

Zaman Virani and Erica Zanu, and Michael Gonzalez and Danielle Hitchcock are shining examples of young love at its best.

Even though Valerie Navarro and Daniel de la Cruz go to different schools, they manage to see each other a lot and keep their flame alive.

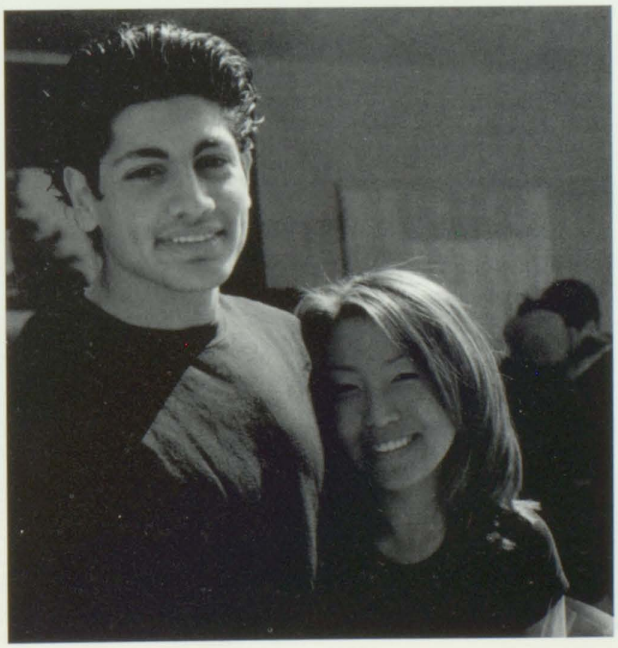


Visiting from Laney College in Oakland, Tommy Peters gives Danielle Perez a big hug because he misses her. It's hard not being together all the time, but that only makes their time together more special.

Two years may not seem like a lot, but it means two more years of high school for Angela Reed after Jonathan Najim goes off to college. That's a lot of time to fill for both of them.

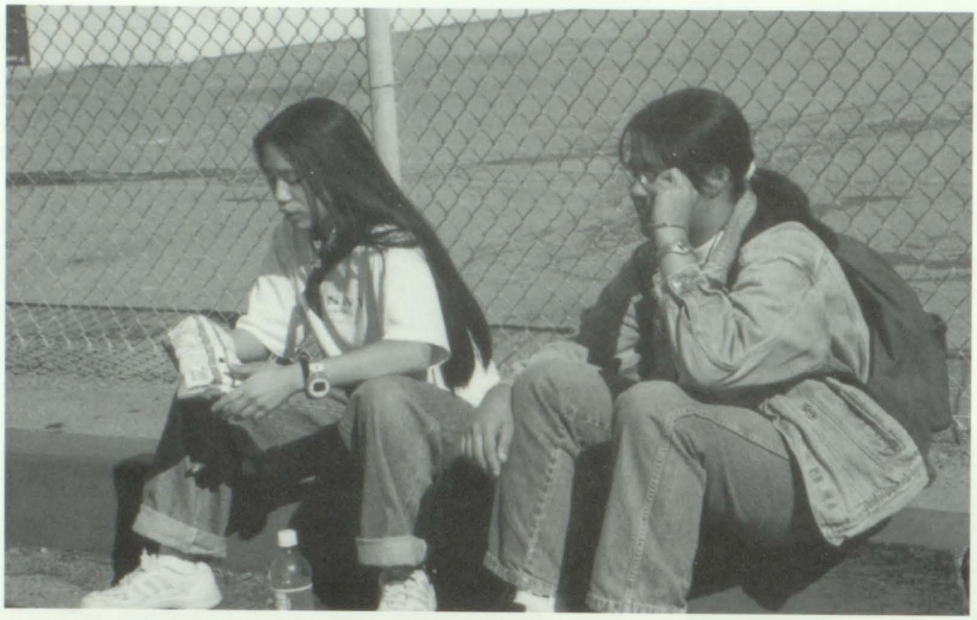
Ben Martinez and Amber Lutes are unusual in that she'll graduate a year before him. This is tough since eligible senior guys are often pursued by swarms of younger girls.

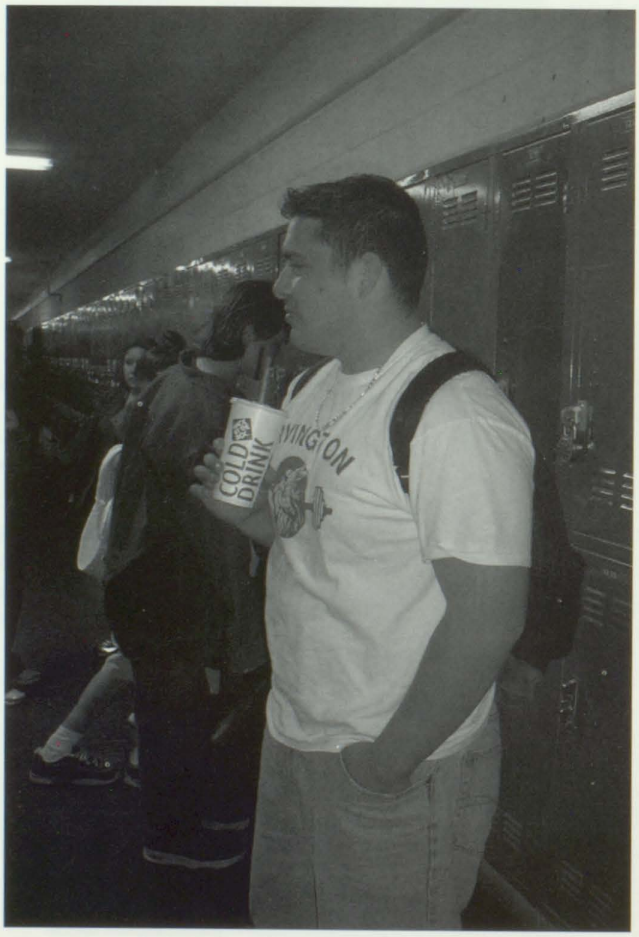
Clay Palmberg and Patricia Perez are lucky. They're both juniors so they'll graduate together. Their relationship will have an effect on their post high school plans.



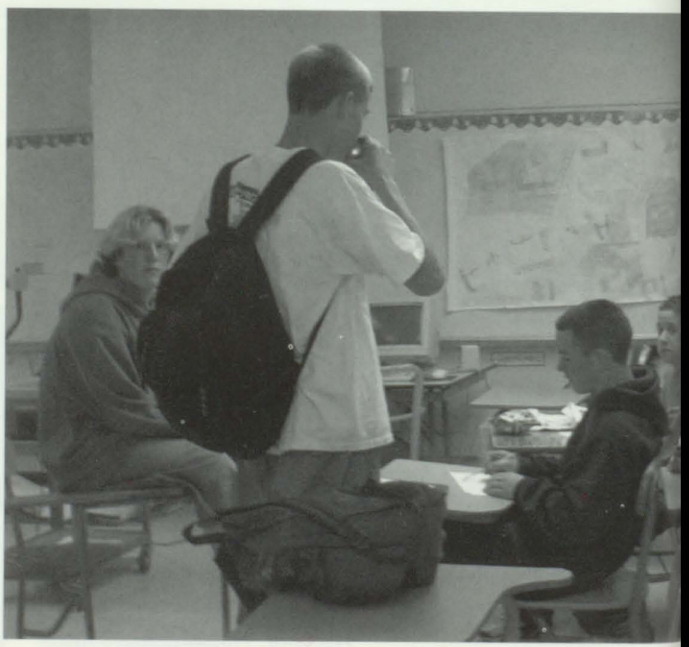
Doing Lunch

Jen Crazier, Tom Kammerer and Mike Manson share a bag lunch in the courtyard. Most students tend to congregate in this part of campus.





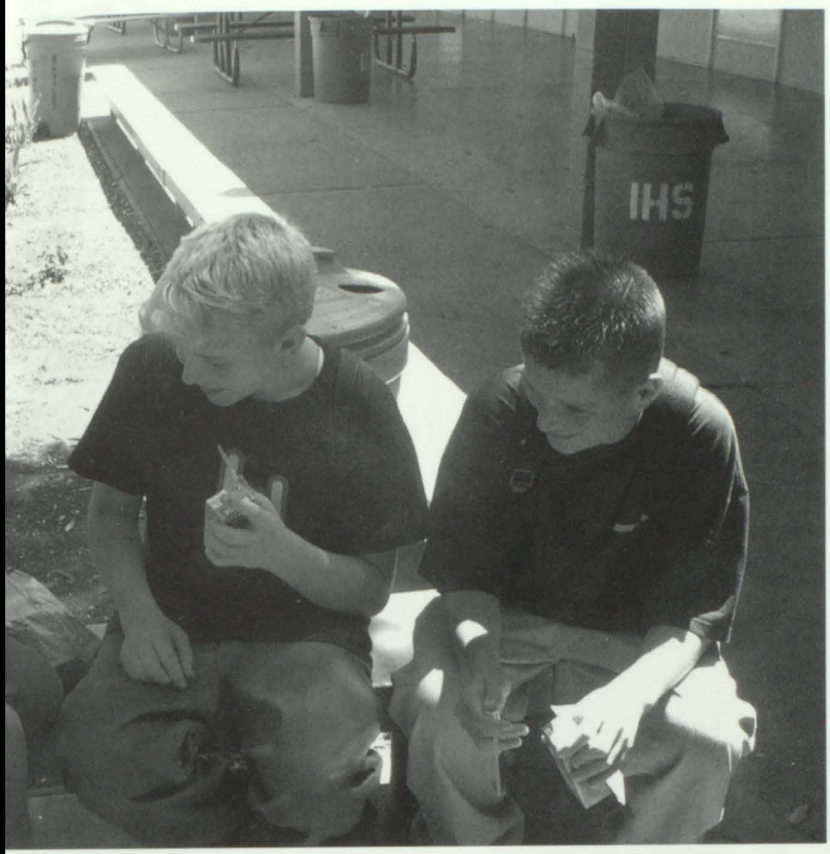
April Sablan and Melodie Fontanilla munch down on junk for lunch. It's not nutritious, but it sure tastes good.

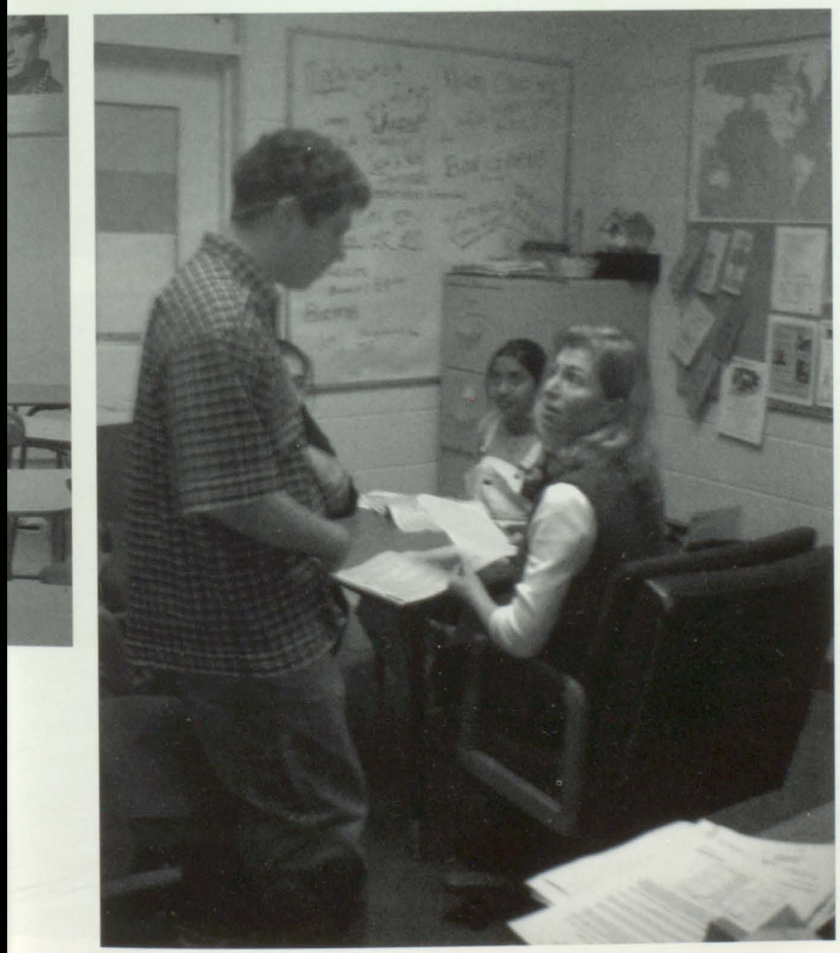


Jack in the Box AGAIN?! Jesus Suarez doesn't mind, he LIKES greasy fried food.

Sean Stader, Ray Spicer, Tony Katen, and Chris Brown discuss important matters over lunch in room 31. It's nice to have an indoor refuge, especially on chilly winter days.

Counselors take their lunch during fifth period so that student can see them during lunchtime. Ms. Leticia Velazco has a sit-down with a handful of her counselees to help them sort through a problem.





By Cassi Perez

It's hard and hungry work learning all day. Thank goodness for those 40 blissful minutes between 4th and 5th periods...LUNCH!

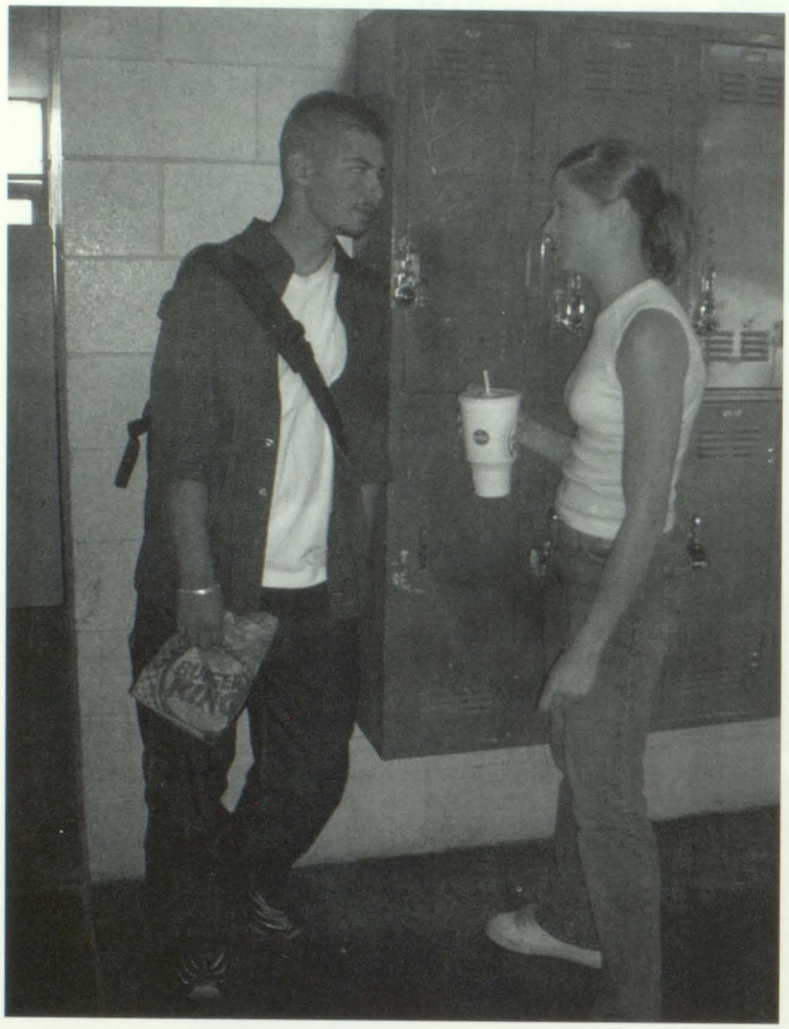
Most Irvington students stay on campus for their noontime meal, for one very simple reason: They can't drive. Yes, poor little freshmen and sophomores must stomache the same old same old cafeteria food, or homestyle sandwiches, every day unless they have older friends who will tolerate their company. Those with the wheels and the wherewithal usually try to take off somewhere, to get a well-deserved break from the academic grind.

Some favorite places are the local fast food outlets, Jack in the Box, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Burger King, etc... But greasy fast food gets old quick, so the more adventurous diner can try out alternatives like the Perlita's Taco Truck or the Chinese Food Take-Out on Grimmer. These options are pretty quick and close, but they are not cheap.

Other lucky students live close by and can head home for a real hot meal. Whether mom is at home with a toasty grilled cheese sandwich, or if you're just nuking some leftovers, sometimes it's a pleasure just to sit at your own dining table, maybe catch a few minutes of soaps, before cramming yourself back into one of those uncomfortable student desks.

As much as we hate to accept it, lunch does not last forever. Those 40 minutes fly by and the next thing we know, we're baaaack...to class, that is. Oh well.

RACING TOWARDS



By Mariella Ruezga

Who said senior year is easy?

Not for Jose Chavez, who is working hard to make it to graduation. In addition to a full six-class schedule at IHS during the day, he takes three classes in the late afternoon and evenings at the adult school. This busy schedule means he has virtually no free time, other than a hour or so after school and a short dinner break.

Keep in mind, Jose is not the only 12th grader in this boat. Of the 308 seniors on the roster, roughly 100 are behind on units for graduation, mostly because of carelessness and a lack of focus during their younger years. So the lesson that Jose would like to impart to the underclassmen is: 'Do what you got to do so you can have a fun senior year. You don't want to stress like me.'

It might be too late for the demotes of the class of 2001 to take his advice to heart, but for younger who may be missing units, he has a point. Struggling hard to make-up units when all your friend are planning parties and proms ruins the best year of high school for many students throughout the district. Don't fall into that trap...stay on track, stay focused, and do what you gotta do to get by.

THE FINISH LINE

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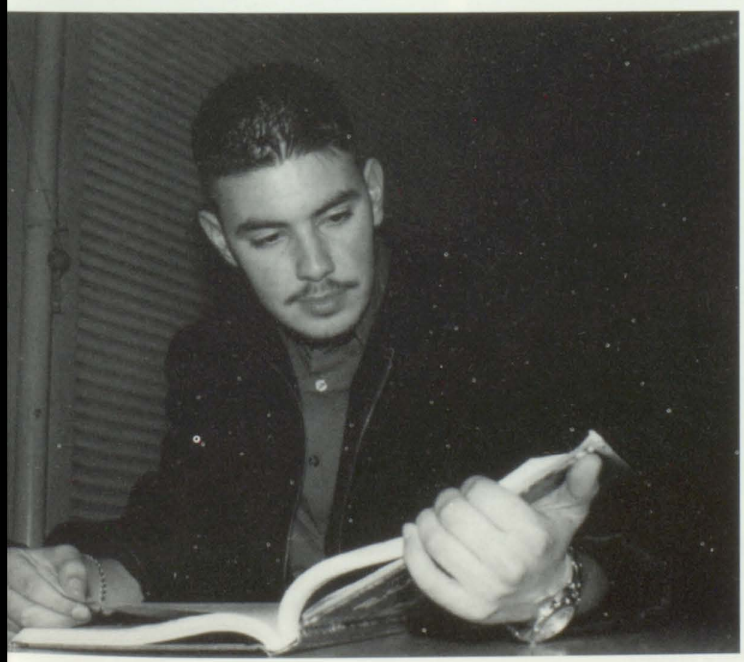
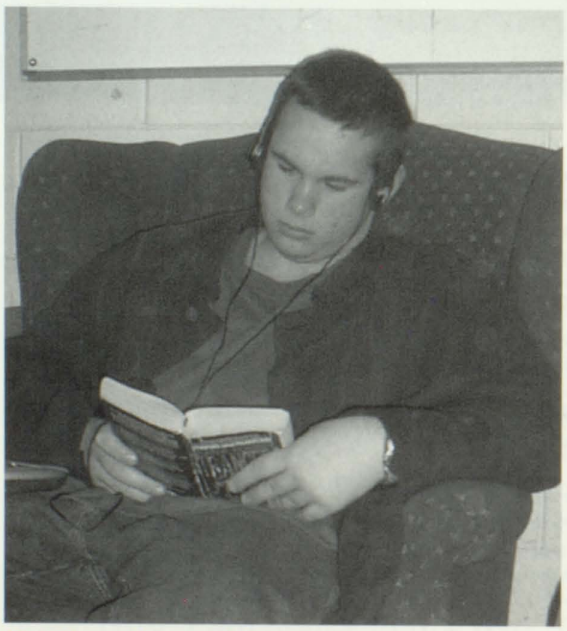


Even though his day is packed tight with classes, Jose can still make time for Ariane Jones. Socialization has to take a backseat to school, but fun with friends is not completely impossible.

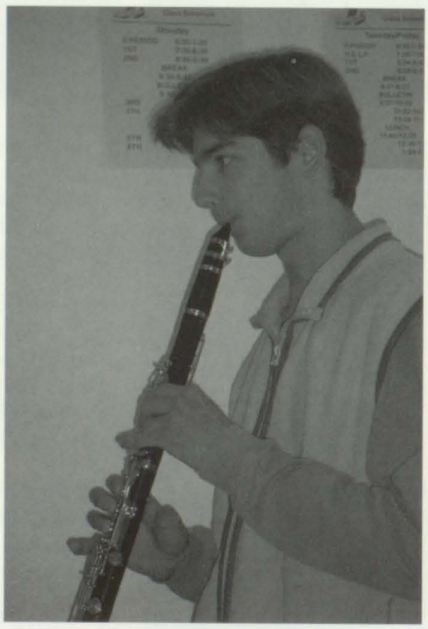
Jose hitches a ride with buddy Ralph Astar. Not driving makes it doubly hard to get to his many classes all over town on time.

Studying for an Econ test, Jose makes use of his 5th period study hall class. Time is precious in Jose's busy day.

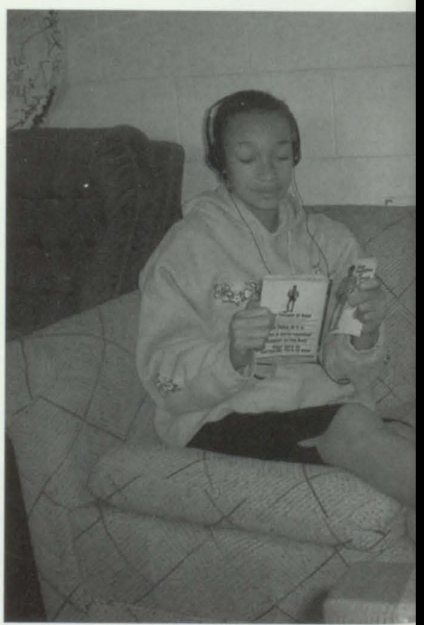
MUSIC TO OUR EARS



Matt Herz relaxes with his headphones and a book. Many students claim listening to music helps them concentrate on their schoolwork.



Vince Fowler plays that classic marching band piece, the Theme from Star Wars. If band is the only non-PE class that fulfills the PE requirement...do tuba players get extra credit?



It's easy to sink into a good book when you have your tunes. Nicole Fogg tunes out during silent reading.

Jamming in the music room, Matt Rose gets into the groove of his song. Keyboarding skills are handy for any musican, as they can cover a wide range of sounds.

By Susanna Tuan

Some say music is the universal language. Each generation redefines this language for themselves, however, and our elders often can't understand it.

Matt Rose, who plays percussion and keyboard with the Wind Ensemble, might have a better chance at bridging this gap than others. The music he plays for class...jazz, classical, big band music...is from a different era. Matt has been playing for seven years now, and says that 'music is a form of self-expression.' He also plays drums for his church.

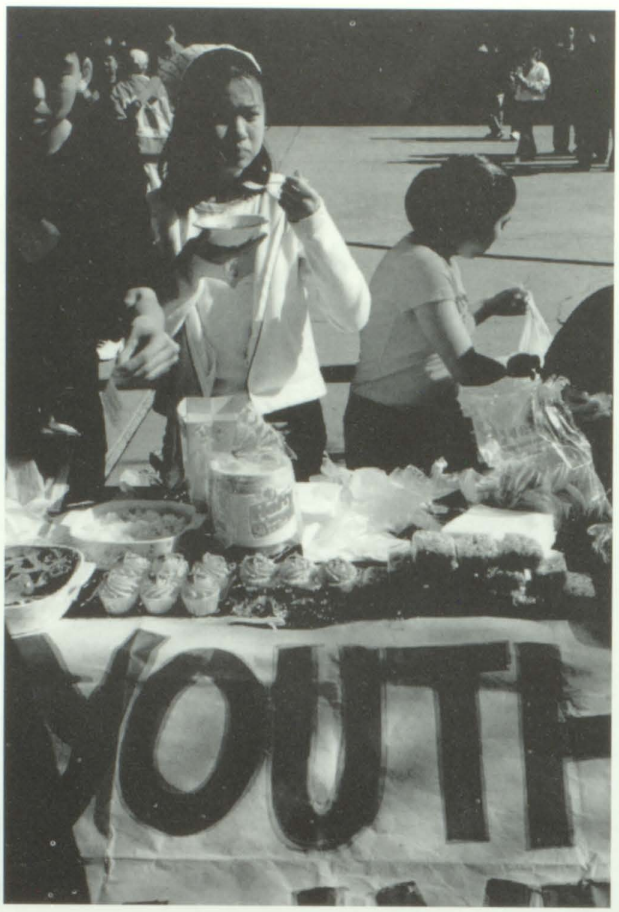
Other IHS students like more contemporary beats. Anthony Abeyta is a bass player for the band, Social Hazard, along with fellow Viking Mike Amsler (guitar) and Jacob Bautista (drums) from Kennedy. They are inspired by punk/metal bands like Metallica, Rancid, the Misfits and Korn.

Whatever your preference may be, music is an important part of your life. Even if you're not into collecting CDs or playing an instrument, songs serve as a background to everything you do. They connect us to people with whom we may have nothing else in common. They capture memories and bring back emotions. They say things we may not be able to express on our own. Music is the universal language.

Anthony Abeyta and Mike Amsler strike a punk rock pose. Smiling is just not cool for thrashers.

Mr. Dave Marshall uses music to enhance his Spanish lessons. Prakash Gopinath, Noosha Kahali, Veronica Caballero, and Ryan Rose join him in a Spanish dance.

Come Together, Right Now...



The Youth Alive bake sale is staffed by volunteer members such as Vicki Lao. This sort of work counts toward service learning hours, too.

By Cassi Perez

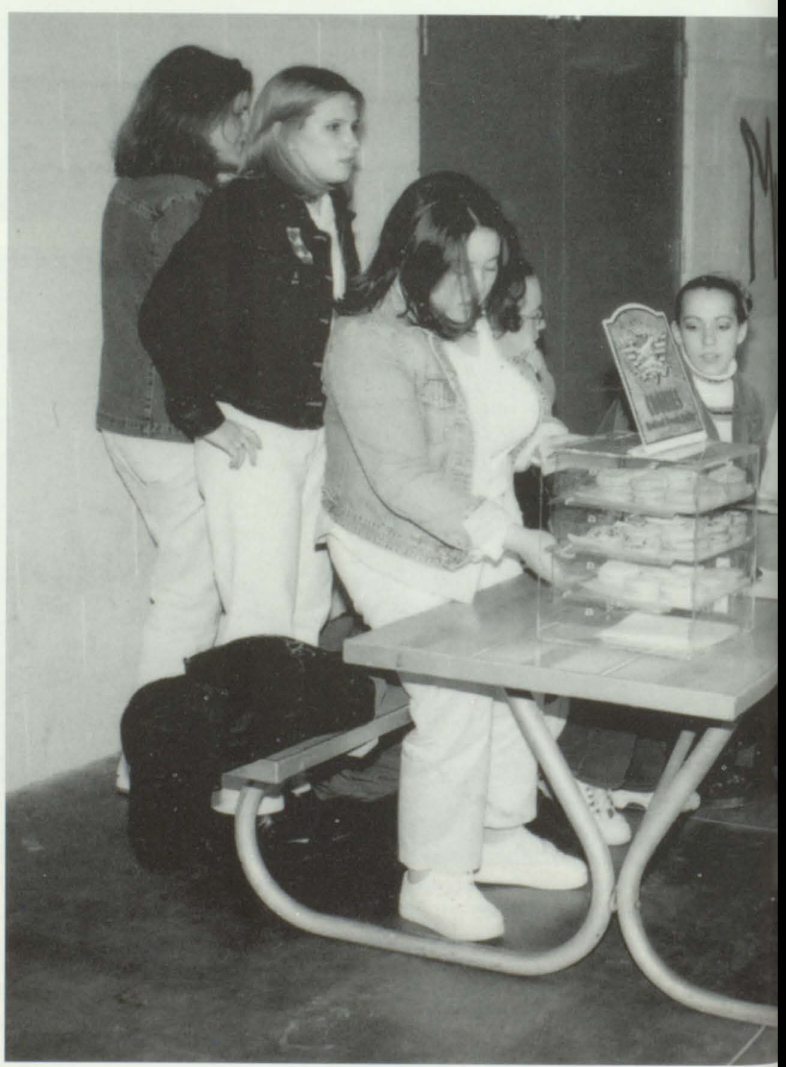
A week set aside to celebrate the ethnic diversity of our student body is certainly something that we can all support, not to mention, theres good food, fun games, and money to be made.

Many clubs participate in this event, whether or not they have a cultural focus. This whole week is dedicated to all students, all cultures and helping everyone get along with everyone else. Students also take advantage of this time to put on dances, sell food, and put together fun activities. For example, Youth Alive sold many items such as cookies, rice crispy treats and other sweet snacks to fill the stomachs of the IHS students. M.E.Ch.A sold cotton candy and held a display of many latino culture related items.

CSF sold carnations on Valentines Day which fell in the middle of the Multi-Cultural week. Many teachers and studnts came to join in the fun a exciting events. Some watched the performances during lunch, catching a quick snack just as the bell rang.

Not only did this week allow students to share their cultures, it also allowed the DECA class to sell LOTS of cookies. Being the only week (besides Spirit Week) where students stay on campus during lunch, there were lots of customers to browse their wares.

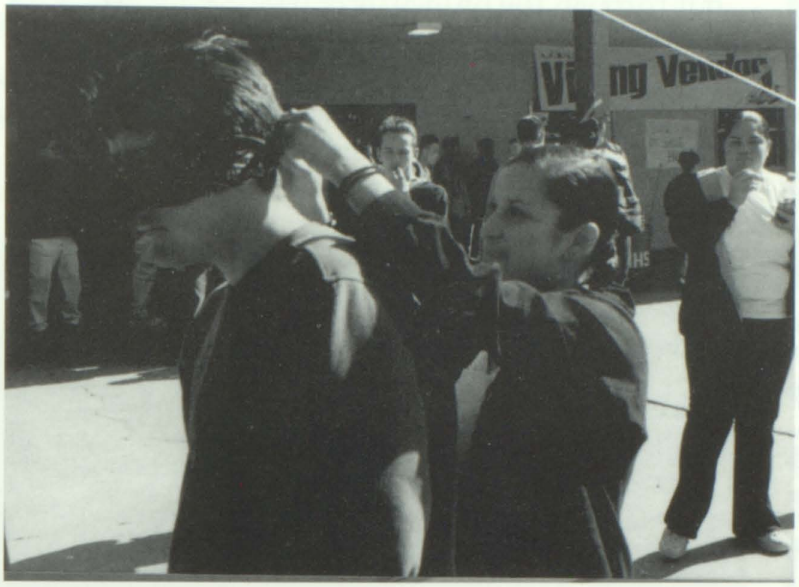
The week ended with a Unity Day to bring all of our diverse cultures together in a celebration of our mutual humanity.



Ann Lan sells a toasty warm DECA cookie to Erica Terry. Otis Spunkmeyer supplies these tasty treats as a regular part of DECA's fundraising efforts.

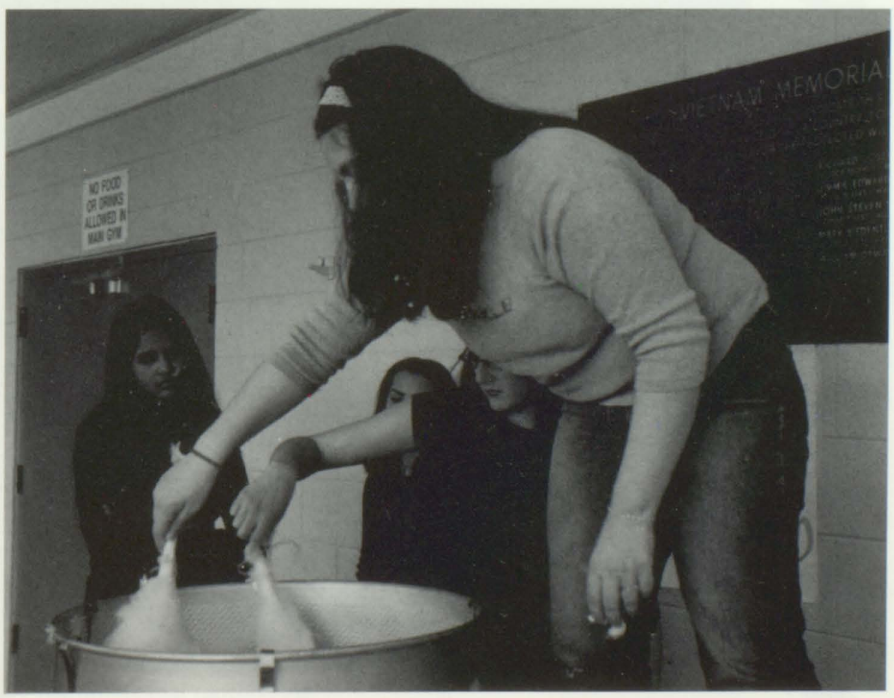
Yolanda Marroquin makes sure Robert Cagle can't see through his blindfold. Activities such as pinata bashing mark Latino Day.

Ms. Linda Curtis takes a swing at the dangling pinata during lunchtime. Everyone is invited to participate in the festivities, regardless of their ethnic background.



Virginia Huynh hangs up the signs to mark European American Day. Students of European descent are the largest ethnic group at IHS, comprising over 50% of the student body.

Swirling cotton candy is fun! Elena Vera wraps the spun sugar around a paper tube for the MEChA booth.



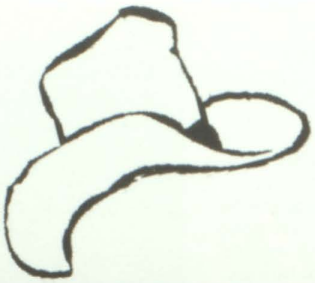
OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING

By Susanna Tuan

'Oooooooh-klahoma!' rang out through the hallways of IHS, and especially in the newly renovated Valhallah, as the 2001 Spring Musical made its debut. On opening night, playgoers were treated to a knockout performance of the 1955 Academy Award winning musical, as well as the grand re-opening of Irvington's auditorium, a community mainstay for three decades. Even the mayor, Gus Morrison made an appearance.

But the highlight of the evening was truly the joint production by students from Irvington, Mission and Washington High Schools. These talented actors and actresses spent months preparing for this epic western musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Their dedication sure paid off, because *OKLAHOMA!* was a raging success.

This spectacular musical is about a young lady on the wild prairie and the love of her life. Full of romance and suspense, it celebrates the pioneer spirit of America through song, dance, and a dream sequence that lifts you out of this world. It doesn't hurt, of course, that the songs were catchy and kept you humming the tunes for days after the performance.

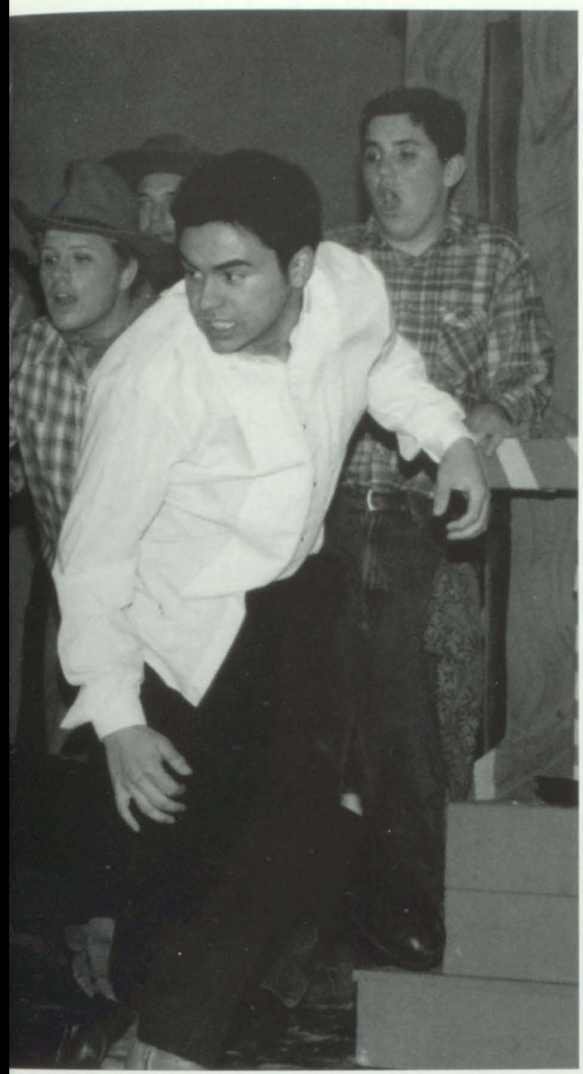


Techies Ryan Serene and Julia Jones assemble a major stageprop piece for *OKLAHOMA!*

KICK IT! Dana Torres, Shannon Baird, Cortney Hamie and Jenny Knight point their toes to the skies at a dance rehearsal. Coordination and cooperation are the keys to a tightly tuned dance revue.

Oh, What a Beautiful Play

Our hero Curly (Greg Lucas) slugs his archenemy and rival Jud (J.D. Piche). His ranchhand buddies cheer him on in the background.



During rehearsals, Greg Lucas, in the lead as Curly, is hoisted on the shoulders of his buddies Josh Young and Nate Maggio. Meanwhile, his leading lady Laurie Washington, played by Megan Gallup, sits on Chris Uken and Gary Chung's manly shoulders.

Can you say grande finale? Jenny Cheung, Brittany Herz, and Kim Snyder sure can. Who said hot lights weren't glamourous?

The ranchhands sit around and discuss the things that ranchhands discuss...cows, sheep, horses, and of course, girls. Life was simpler back then, especially in Oklahoma.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

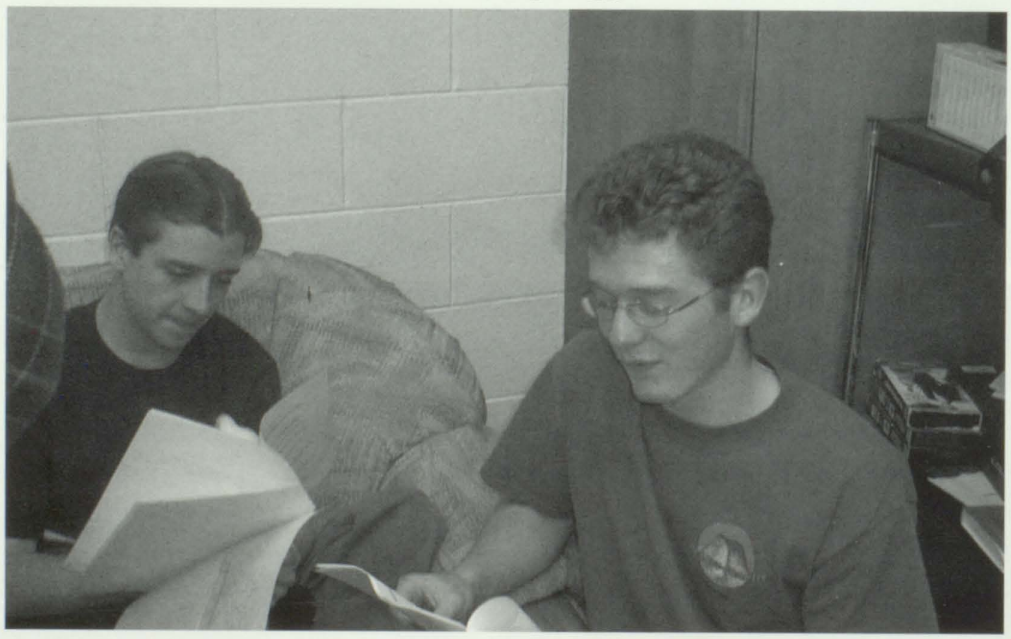
By Cassi Perez

Back in his native Germany, Peter Lange loved the idea of coming to America. So he applied for a foreign exchange scholarship. When he learned he was coming to America, he was thrilled. And he just about lost it when he found out his destination was sunny California, because he said, 'most students go to boring places like Kansas, Nevada or Iowa.'

Before coming to Fremont, Peter stayed in Menlo Park with a 'welcome family' for two months, acclimating to life in the Bay Area. In his host family's home, he is treated as part of the family. He accompanies them to family functions, and does chores around the house. He says his host parents are more like friends than parents, especially since they do not have children living with them.

When he enrolled at IHS earlier this year, we asked Peter to compare our school to the one he attended in Germany. 'Well,' he told us, 'it was a lot harder, the teachers were a lot older, and IHS has better learning equipment.'

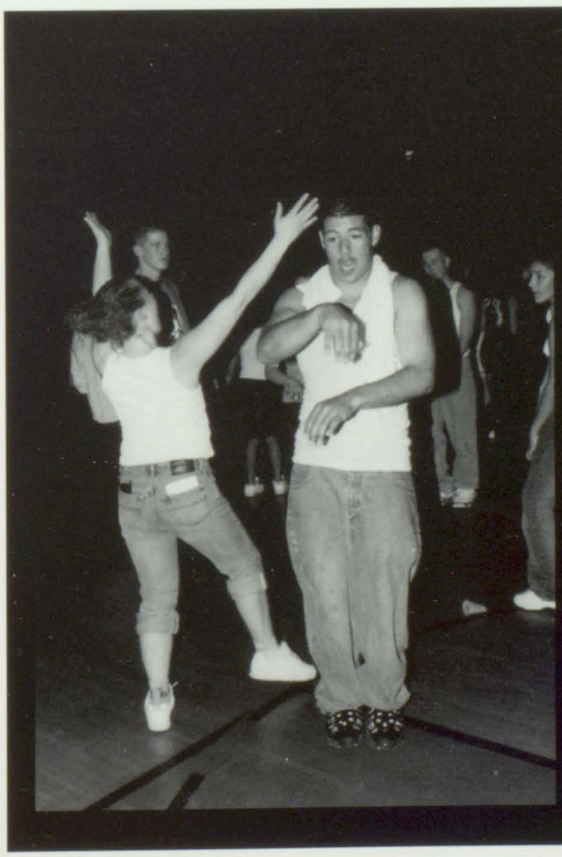
New opportunity also bring some difficult choices, however. Peter must now make decisions that will impact his life in ways that he may not have imagined, such as choosing staying on in the US to continue with his education, or even take a job here. These choices are more than he had expected, since colleges and job opportunities are more numerous here in the States, and with his experience, Peter suddenly has options that he hadn't considered before. 'The US is so big, it's amazing,' he told us when we asked what was his first impression of our country. 'Big, Bigger, BIGGEST.'



Reading from a handout, Peter polishes his English language skills. It's hard enough to live for a year in a foreign country without having to negotiate in a foreign language as well.

Peter, Jeremy Cunningham and Matt Galardi relax on Mr. Nate Ivy's cushy mushy couch in room 25 after finishing their assignment for the period.

Peter smiles in the California sunshine, amazed at his good fortune.



Was it MORP? Or was it Sadies? Who knows? Who cares? Either way, we all had fun!

On March 16th, IHS had a blowout of a dance in the Viking Grand Ballroom...or was that the gym?. After a year of cancelled or dissappointing dances, it was great to have one that rocked!

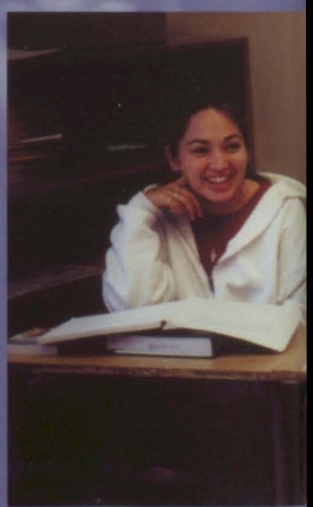
Maybe the key to the success of this function was turning the tables on traditional roles...instead of sitting around waiting for the love of their lives to ask them, the girls took the initiative and asked the guys. Even if romance didn't blossom, at least it showed that going after what you want is a lot more satisfying than playing the waiting game.

And very few people were waiting on the sidelines at this dance, whatever it's called. Like Germain Vargas said, "If you're not dancing , you don't belong on the dance floor."

Another fun thing about this function was the matching outfits each couple wore. Part of the experience was going shopping together, and seeing how your tastes matched up. If you couldn't agree on a shirt, there were probably bigger problems looming in the future.

EXPLORATION

Kevin Pyle patiently waits for his muse as he contemplates his next project in Ms. Pate's Art 1 class. Electives are a rare luxury for most underclassmen, who still have many graduation requirements to fulfill.



Amber Uribe, Danielle Pere
Mr. Azevada's sixth period
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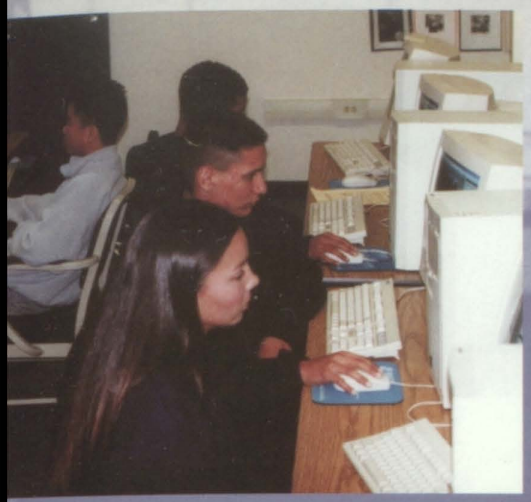
Freshmen Danielle Zuckerman, Jason Shepherd, and Melissa Mountford go over their paper before the bell rings. Working together on projects helps everyone get the most out of an assignment.

Academics



The SmartLab in room 101A gives students like Joelene Sandoval and Steven Burks a chance to explore the possibilities of web design and computer graphics. The equipment was donated three years ago by Smart Technologies.

We may groan at the end of every summer and cheer every June, but when all is said and done, where would we be without school?

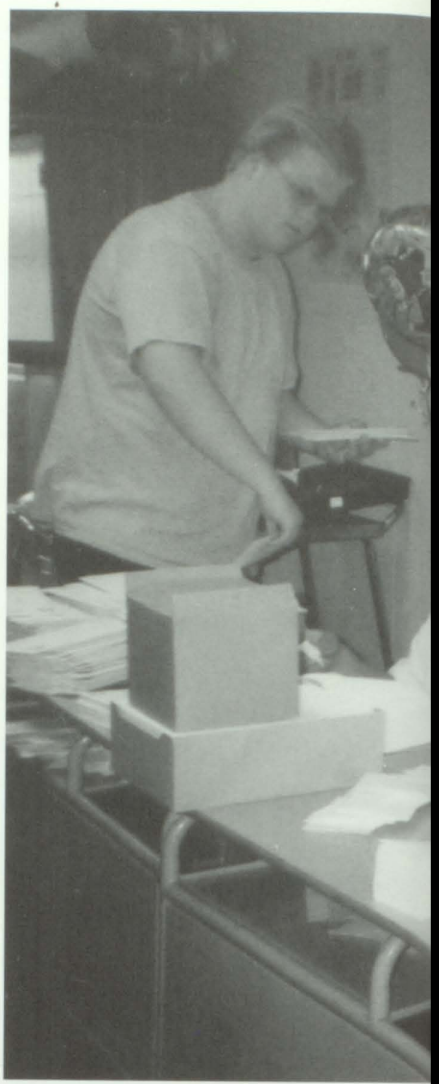
Our loving parents may teach us important life lessons about morals and family values, but schools teach us how to communicate, how to organize, how to negotiate different authorities, and how to work with others. These are the skills that we all need to live in a modern society. And we get all that in addition to the basic three Rs.

Irvington offers its students even more than your average high school...choices. Part of our innovative efforts to serve everyone is our different options for fulfilling graduation requirements. For instance, instead of just English 12A and Government/Econ, our seniors have the option of taking Humanities or AP classes to cover the same material.

Some students may consider socializing to be the main reason they come to school. That's fine. Just being here will teach them something...whether they like it or not.

and Brittany Pilgram get involved in a heated discussion during U.S. History class. Although juniors don't have a benchmark strenuous academic requirements in English and social studies

The Road Less Traveled



Chris Blair, Laura Reyes, Luke Ramirez, and Nathaniel Pagan stuff envelopes for the Math-Science Nucleus. The Academy organizes copious service opportunities for their students to develop skills, help others, and fulfill their service learning requirements.

By Jackie Lean

The Academy was created to help students who struggled throughout junior high be successful in high school. In the Academy, classes students are given extra help and are able to work to their own ability.

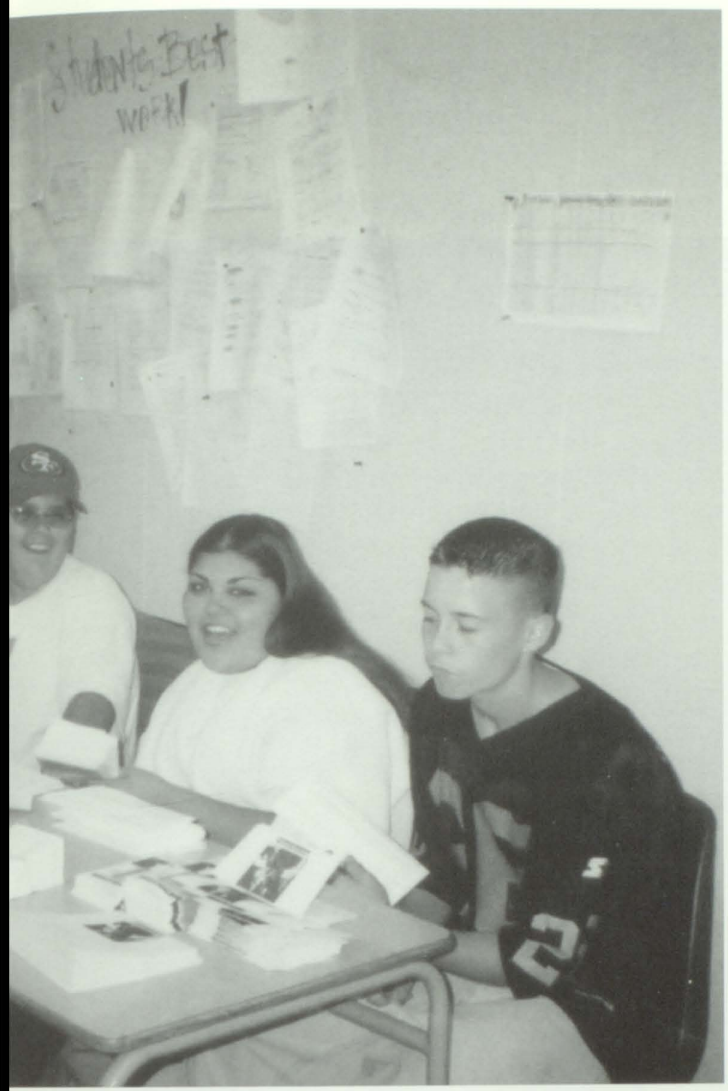
This class focuses on ninth and tenth graders to help prepare them for their last two years of high school. A student is allowed to be in the Academy for up to two years. The Academy covers the four academic core subjects, English and history, taught by Mr. Scott Lewis, and science and service, taught by Ms. Heidi Moore.

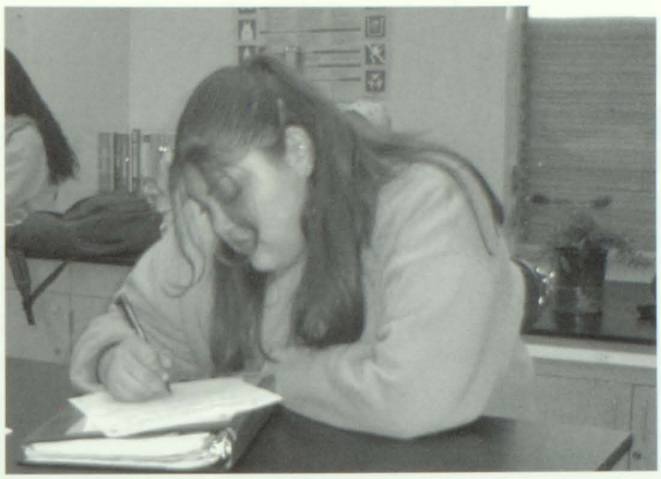
"The academy is good because it's teachers can give more individual help to each student."
Nicole Boswell, 9

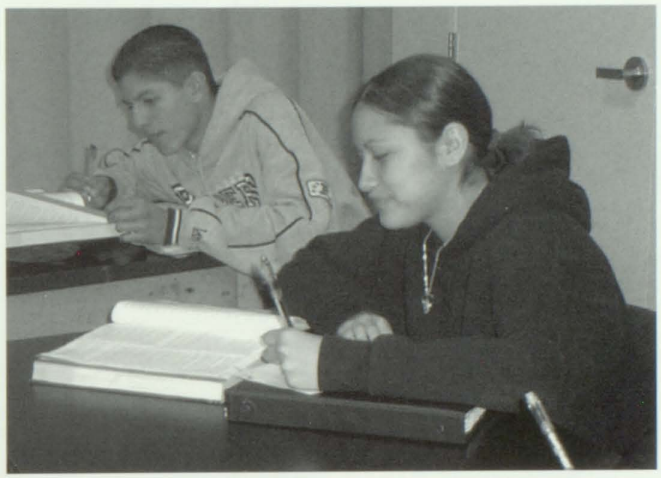
Because each student at Irvington needs 40 hours of community service, the Academy provides its students with opportunities to get up to 100 hours a year. This allows Academy students to focus on school work during their junior and senior years. This year, the Academy has done service learning projects for organizations such as the Tri-City Homeless Shelter, Tibetan AIDS Project and creek cleanup for Lake Elizabeth.

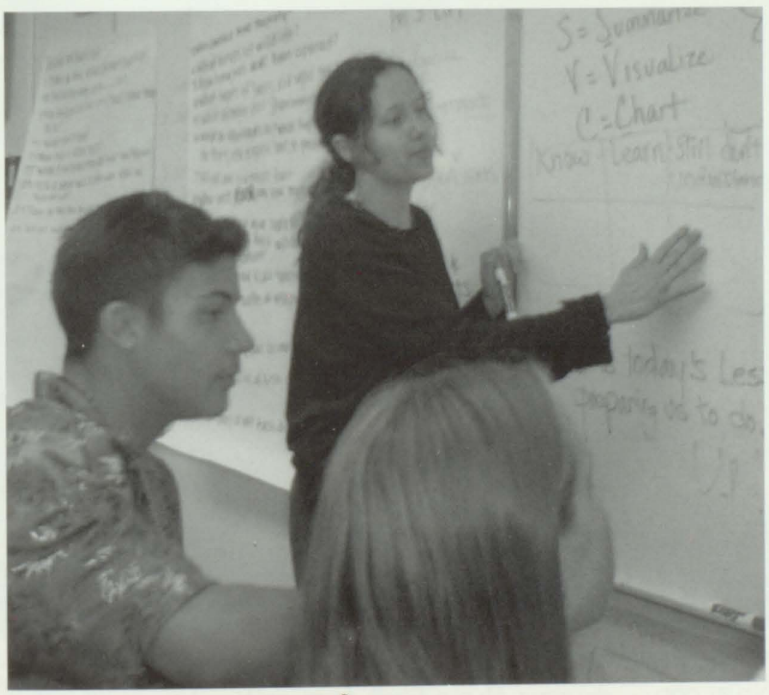
The Academy can be very beneficial for students because they not only have the opportunity to build academic skills, but social and emotional skills as well. Freshman Moises Maciel said, The Academy is great because of the field trips and the projects we do. It's not just that the work we do is easier, it's more fun.

Rachel Duran and Rudy Herrera discuss the details of their presentation as they color in their poster. Hands-on activities help Academy students assimilate their lessons more thoroughly.









Nathan Souza takes advantage of a warm December day to get some gardening done...and earn a few more hours towards his graduation requirements.

Huddled over a writing assignment, Laura Reyes focuses on getting her work done. One advantage of the Academy is that students can get help in class if they don't understand an assignment.

Rudy Herrera and Catalina Martinez work on an exercise out of their textbook. Although Academy teacher minimize bookwork, they still incorporate it into their curriculum to prepare students to enter mainstream classes in their junior year.

Ms. Heidi Moore explains a science concept on the board while Matt Smith takes notes. Basic study skills and disciplinary support is a central component of the Academy.

Just Like a Family

By Jackie Lean

Some people don't fully understand what Irvington Families are all about. This system was created so underclassmen, freshmen and sophomores, would have a solid foundation of assistance and encouragement through the first two difficult years of high school.

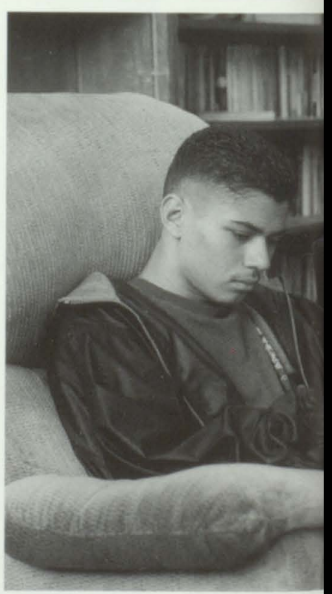
What does an Irvington family consist of? For freshmen, a family shares English and science and math classes. Sophomore families have the same English and history classes. This provides the teachers with an opportunity to work more closely with their students as well as with other teachers in their family. By having close interdisciplinary interactions, teachers can share ideas and observations about how their students learn, what their strengths and weakness are, and how to best reach troubled kids.

The teachers usually have the same prep period so they can work together to plan lessons. For instance, you could be learning about World War II in history and reading *Night* in English, both of which deal with the Nazi concentration camps in Europe. This helps the student to make connections between subjects and how they fit together in the real world.

Families benefit students because they all have the same people in their core classes so they get to know each other well, and can always call a friend when they need help. The family also allows students to work with new people and see various points of view. While most agree that its good to have a cohesive group of students working closely together, some students don't believe the families are helpful at all. This is usually because they do not get along with the other students in their families because they have problems from previous interactions.

Family planning is also an advantage for students working on their 9th and 10th grade benchmark projects. With the teachers working together to help the students through benchmarks, it is easier for the student to grasp the concepts and complete them. Family cohesiveness is a key component to a successful benchmark project.

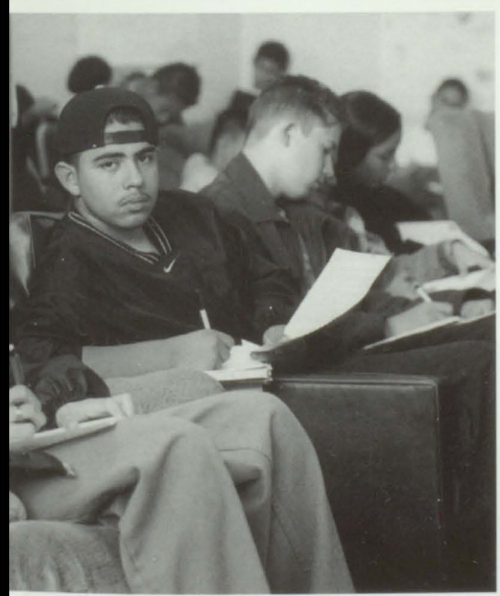
This unique aspect of IHS life helps students succeed during their first two critical years in high school. They learn to work together and support each other as well as learning the material required to meet standards.



Josh Cavaness stretches his limbs in the midst of a writing workshop exercise. Ashley Manning and Nicole Sorenson are intent on peer editing each other's papers.

Jennifer Sewell, Mary Bush and Ryan Wong give a presentation in their science class. Public speaking is a big part of every benchmark project at Irvington.

Vanessa Sandoval is excited at the prospect of a whole day of UN activities. It'll be a relief to have the sophomore benchmark done and out of the way.



Raul Ruiz is absorbed in his work, but Rafael Barrios has caught the camera's eye. Comfy couches help these students relax and focus on their reading.

John Hebison leans over his pigskin to ask Lisa Stoorza about her data. The labs in Ms. Kim Nguyen's Physical Science class keeps these freshmen on their toes.

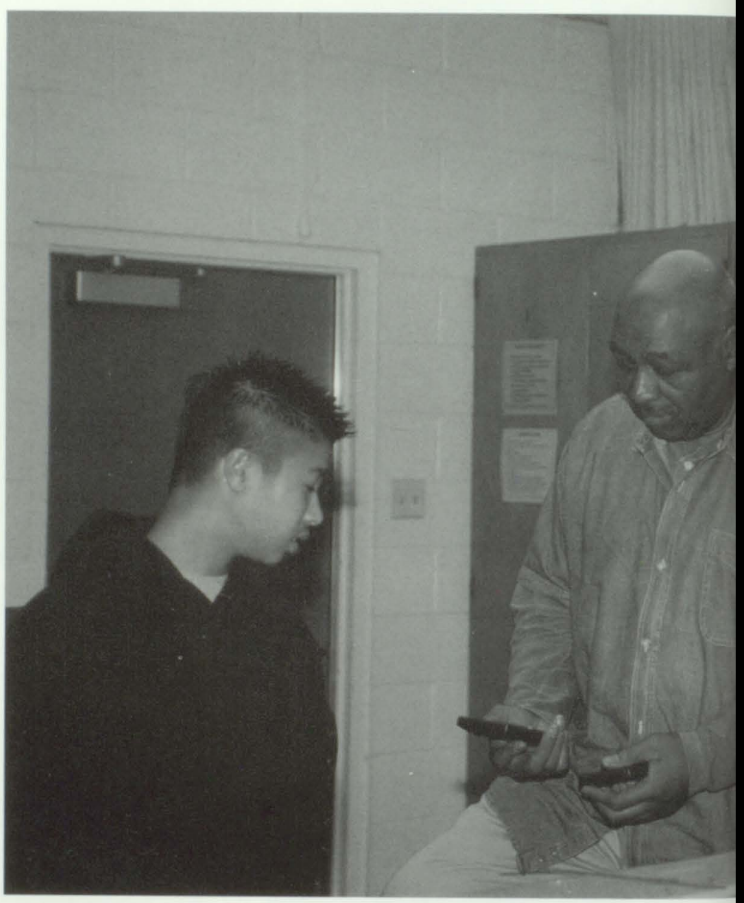
ROP Regional Opportunity Program

By Jackie Lean

The Regional Opportunity Program provide an opportunity for Irvington students to take classes in a wider range of subjects. ROP classes are held on and off Irvington's campus and offers classes in fields that students may be interested in, but are not be available at their high schools, such as TV production, Veterinary Science, Auto Mechanics, and others.

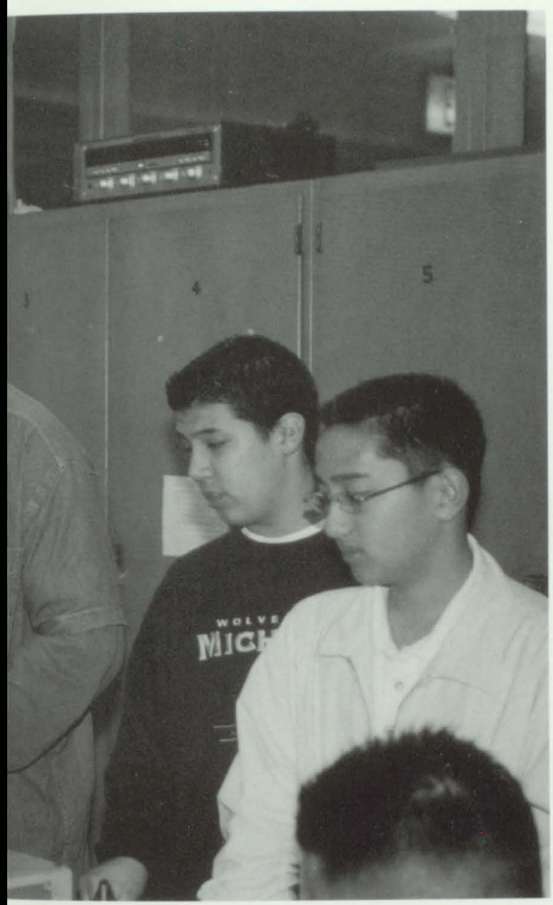
For a student who would like to find out more about a prospective career path, ROP is a good place to start. Most classes involve some sort of hands on study and are taught by people whove spent years working in the field. Many classes are double blocked so students get an intensive dose of instruction.

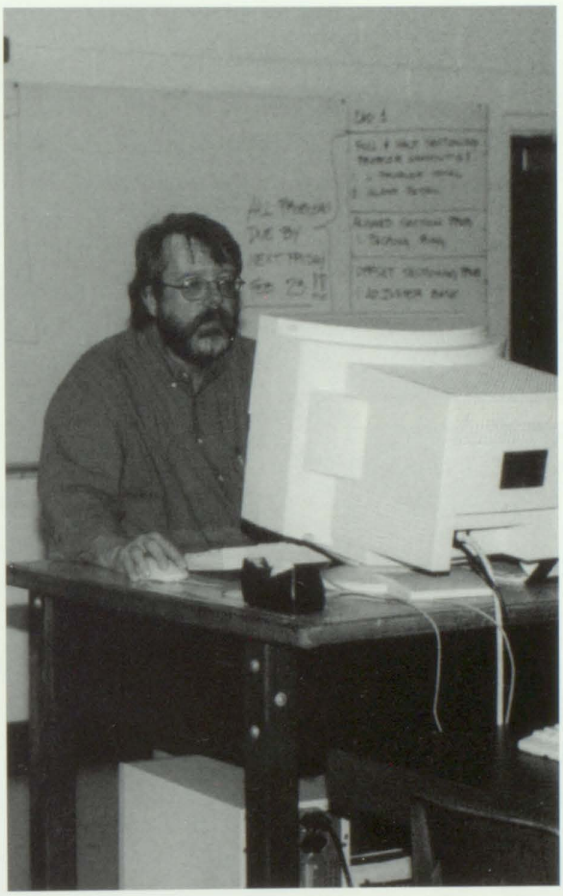
ROP is a great alternative to traditional elective courses. Since the district has cut back on offering many technical and vocational classes, ROP has filled that need. Without it, many students throughout Fremont would miss out on a chance to get a jump start on their career training.



Mike Banuelos looks around the SMARTLab, wondering what he's supposed to do next. Web Design and Digital Graphics keep these computers humming all day.

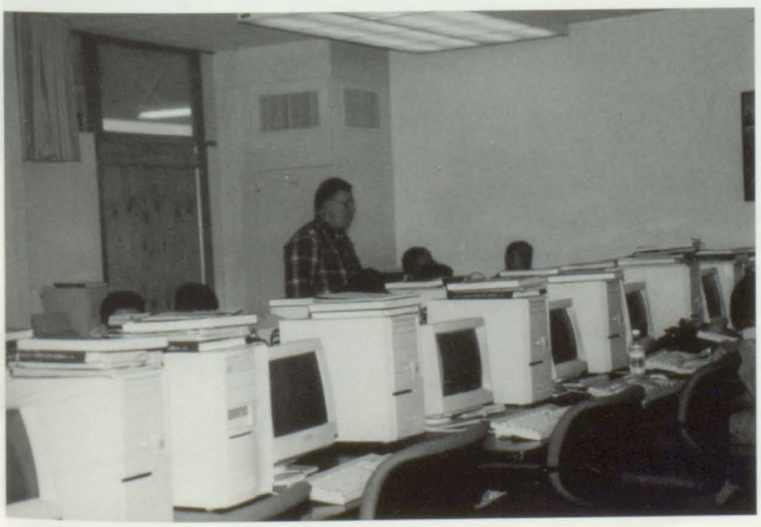
David Kinghorn writes code for Mr. Arlen Delehoy's Computer Programming class. This course will give him a headstart in college if he decides to major in Computer Science.





Mr. Aubry Kennard demonstrates some electronic components to Gerardo Guerro, Esmeraldo Conanon and Adam Catigan. These freshmen are lucky to have the chance to take a hands on elective like Electronics.

Going over projects for his Computer Aided Drafting course, Mr. Paul Crockett assesses what his students have accomplished.



Jonnel Jacinto carefully measures the length of a wire connector for his circuit board. Precision is important if you want your components to work properly.

Mr. Arlen Delehoy moves through the lab, checking on his students' progress. The size of these classes are limited by the number of computers available for students to work on.

ASB
Associated Student Body

By Jackie Lean

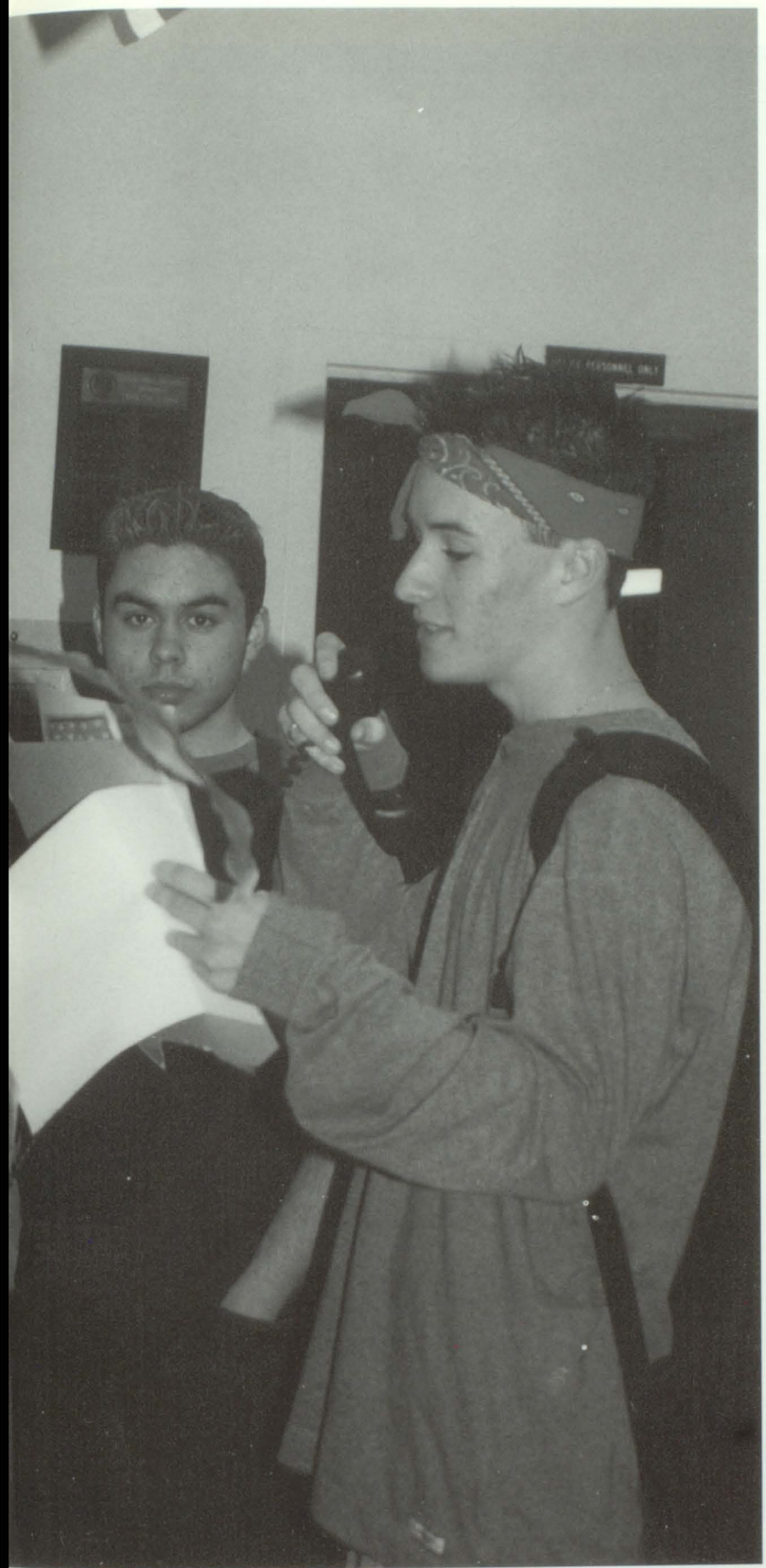
The Associated Student Body of Irvington High School, commonly known as ASB represents the students. ASB was created so students would have a say in what direction their education takes. It is the governing body that organizes student activities and brings student concerns to the administration.

Everything that happens at IHS, from rallies to dances to the student council meetings, is run by ASB. ASB also sets up lunch time activities and fundraisers that pay for these fun events. Every club and their activities must be approved by ASB, as well as all money spent by student organizations.

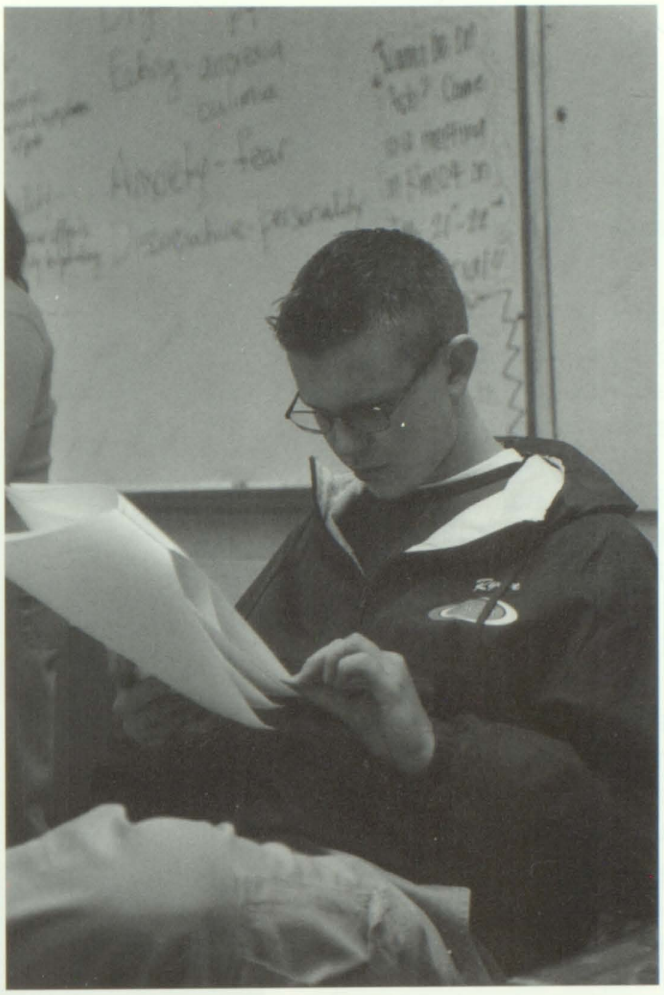
Members of ASB must work harder than most high school students. They not only have to complete their regular school work but also the work that needs to be done to make ASB activities sucessful. They are also considered role models, which adds another layer of stress to their lives. Advisor Ms. Julie Myers says, They work so closely together they become kind of like a family.

Dangling a whipped-cream covered balloon before the eager contestants, Erica Terry tries to avoid smearing sugary dairy products on her borrowed Chevron uniform. Part of what ASB does is determine Spirit Week themes, for each class as well as the whole school.

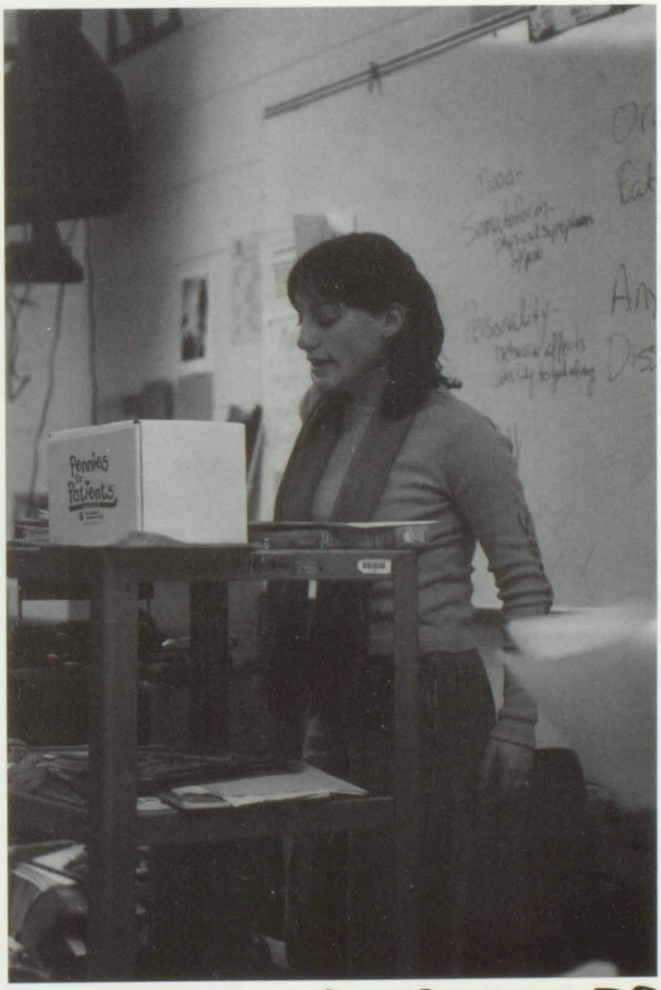
Desiree Jabson and Noosha Kahali pull freshmen tickets for the homecoming raffle. Students who attended the rallies had the opportunity to win a gift certificate.



Reading the bulletin over the intercom is an important job. Robert Dort and Greg Lucas were selected for this honor because of their clear enunciation and firm grasp of the English language.

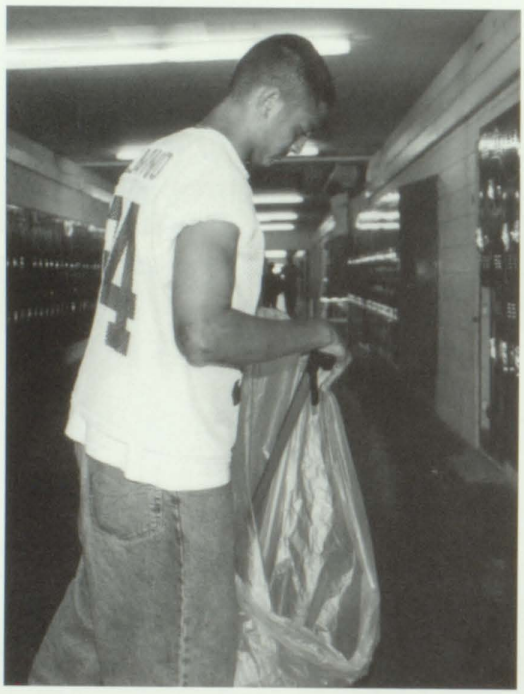


Checking over the minutes for the last meeting, ASB Ambassador Ryan Hughes makes sure all the T's are crossed and I's are dotted. These minutes document all the students' decisions, so accuracy is important.



Courtney Delzompo, ASB President, calls the meeting to order. Since this is a student-run organization, she's in charge of the whole thing.

Robby Cagle and Dustin Mathers move some soil from behind Huck's shed. This soil was donated by an outside company, but could not be put in place until some of the renovation work was completed in October.

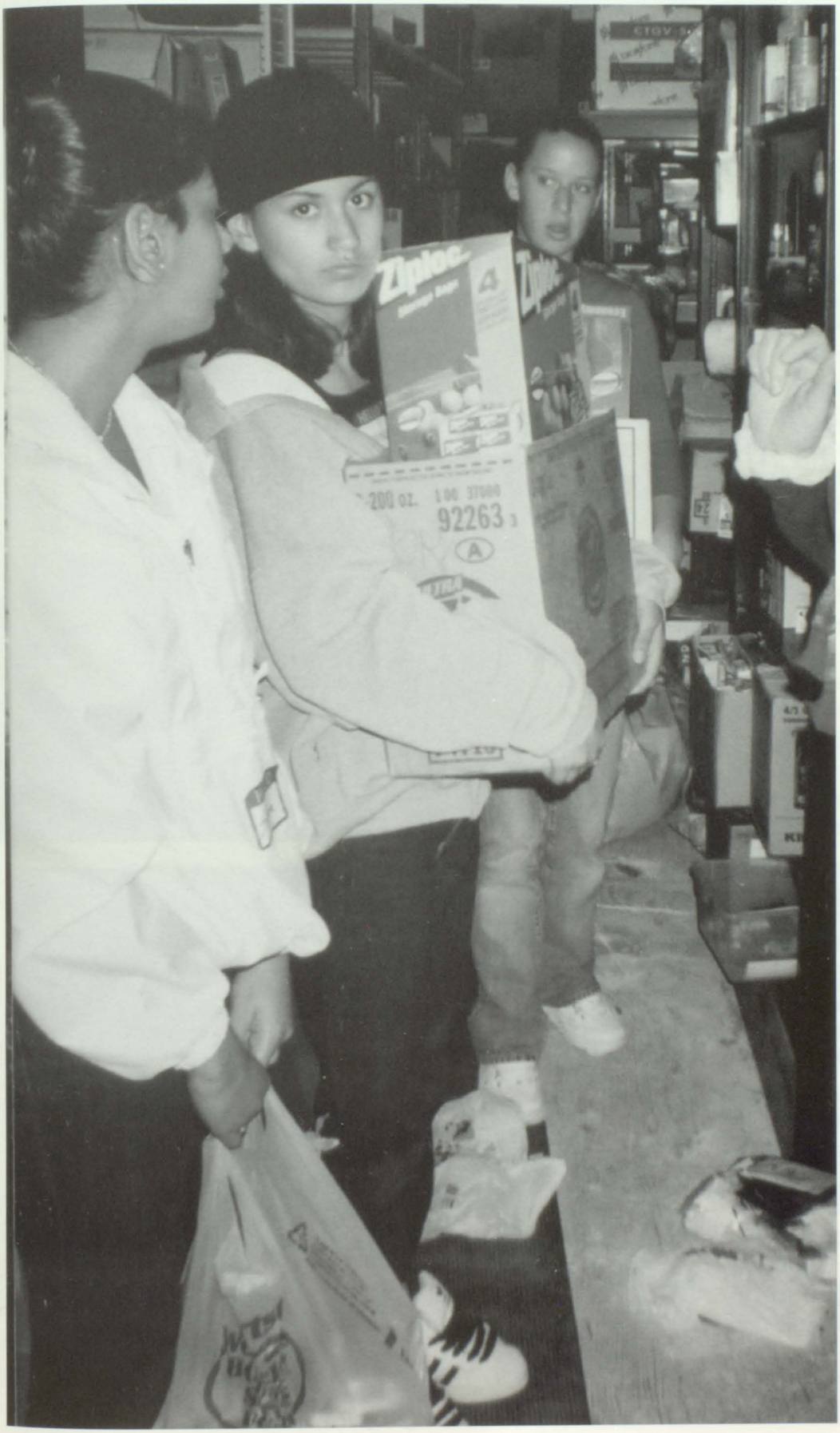


Josh Blandino opts to serve the IHS community by picking up trash rather than languish in the RC doing homework. Although it's not altruism at its purest, campus cleanup is still a nice disciplinary option for students to have.

Ms. Ammon helps Mike Manson and Tom Kammerer with their Red Ribbon Week preparations. Sometimes students can earn hours by visiting the less fortunate at homeless shelters or food banks.

Laura Reyes, Pricella Taufalele and Rachel Duran put in their service learning hours in the garden. They might get their hands muddy, but they'll get a tan, too.

To Serve and Learn



By Jackie Lean

All Irvington students are required to complete 40 hours of community service to graduate. The reason these hours are required is for the students to 'learn basic citzenship skills,' and 'clarify ethical, cultural, and social values.'

To give students the opportunity to earn some of these hours through class activities, we have service learning coordinators and Americorp volunteers working to arrange projects through classes. These projects generally tie into concepts that are being covered in the classes in which they're done.

As Irvington's service learning coordinators, Mr. Nate Ivy and Ms. Luann Brazill are in charge of keeping track of students hours, working with students to find service activities, and helping teachers incorporate service into their classes. This is an important element of Irvington's community,' says Mr. Ivy.

Service learning teaches students how valuable their participation is to the community and makes the student view what they can do to help make the world better.

Sarah Bernardin, Veronica Resendez and Sophia Ismail lug supplies into the warehouse at the Tri-City Food Bank. Carrying groceries is just an everyday chore to most people, but it's a necessary task in keeping this non-profit organization running

Lights, Camera, Action...

By Jackie Lean

PAD, otherwise known as the Performing Arts Department, includes people from all different areas of theater. Students from Dance, Band, Drama, Choir and Theater Tech come together to share ideas, thoughts, and experiences. Their common love of the theater is a unique and powerful bond, which unites them in their cause of producing quality performances on the IHS campus. They also work together to raise funds for scholarships, field trips and other performing arts related projects.

Advisor Ms. Linda Jackson has taught drama at Irvington for 23 years and was once an aspiring actress. She encourages the students to participate in deciding how they can get more publicity in the school and community as well as other aspects of production.

Some of the money raised by PAD is used for theatrical field trips that give members a chance to see different performances around the Bay Area. Although these experiences are valuable in exposing students to great theater, they also give PAD members a taste of what opportunities are available to them in pursuing careers in the performing arts.

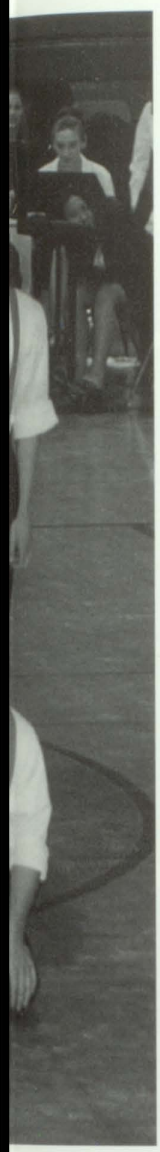
This year, PAD hasn't been able to put on their usual performances in Valhalla since it was under construction for most of the year. They've been patient, working on smaller projects such as the winter rally (held in the gym) as they wait for the grand reopening of the new and improved Valhalla.

The complete Thor Throats, including MSJ members, perform at the IHS Winter Rally. This song and dance troupe has been a part of both schools since the 80s.

Treble Ensemble, back row: Jessica Penny, Julie Merrell, Sarah Wheeler, Jenna Butler, Sarah Hall, Rebecca Lindsay, Brandy Bahney.

2nd row: Brittany Herz, Brittany Lovejoy, Jeanette Pask, Michelle Thurman, Chantel Johnson, Mireya Morales, Shayna Butler, Anna DaCosta.

Front row: Kasia Zarzycki, Kimberly Snyder, Patricia Bath.



Casi Maggio and Tami Romero prepare a bulletin board to advertise for the spring musical, OKLAHOMA! This Rodgers and Hammerstein play was the premiere performance in the renovated Valhalla.

Thor Throats, Irvington chapter.
Standing: Matt Creasman, Joelle Fletcher, Greg Lucas, Casi Maggio.
Front row: Mike LaPlante, Jenny Knight.

Chamber Chorale, back row: Jenny Knight, Jason Liu, Joelle Fletcher, Andrew Ames, Brittany Herz, Greg Lucas, Julia Jones

2nd row: Frances Swengel, Joe Guinto, Vicky Lao, Mark Ancheta, Matt Creasman, Rebecca Lindsay, Steven Joseph, Casi Maggio.

Front row: Mike LaPlante,Anna DaCosta, Tami Romero, Haley Avery, Kim Snyder, Rachel Nelson, Tan Tran

DECA: Learning to be Professional

Tasi Joe introduces DECA teachers, Ms. Linda Curtis and Ms. Denise Merlin, during the homecoming rally. At the beginning of the year, DECA held a recruitment drive to boost their rosters.

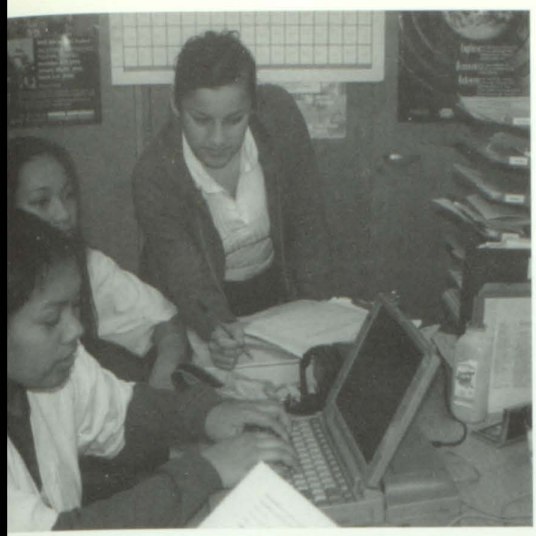
By Jackie Lean

DECA gives Irvington students a chance to prepare for the real world. Although it's set up as a class and some people mistake it for a club, DECA is a student marketing organization called Delta Epsilon Chi Association. By participating in DECA, students learn all they need to know to survive in world of business. Students work on developing good communication and business skills, they are taught how to present themselves professionally, they role-play on-the-job situations, learn to interview, and create a professional portfolio which can be used to apply for college and getting a job.

One of the most interesting projects DECA does during the year is the GM Lab. Students organize a simulation of a car dealership, with all the departments of a real dealership, and spend a day pretending to run it. The DECA GM Lab is based on a partnership with General Motors, Ed Venture's Partners, and various schools in the area.

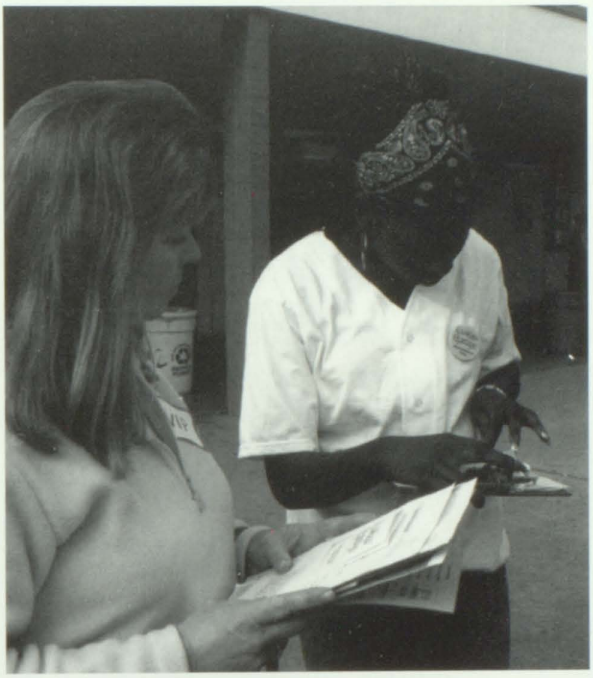
Ms. Linda Curtis has been the advisor of this lab at Irvington for three years. 'I truly enjoy it, even though it means some extra work,' she says. 'I believe the most important skills for success in this class is communication, teamwork and problem solving.'

DECA students also compete at Career Development Conferences in 30 different career areas. They compete by taking tests, doing projects, and giving presentations before a judging panel. Winners sometimes receive scholarships from major corporations. These competitions allow students to travel and meet new people, they learn networking skills which will serve them in the future. senior Anabel Leon says 'DECA teaches so many useful life skills, but is also a lot of fun.' Her testimony indicates this is a rewarding class for anyone who is interested in business.



Jennifer Sese, Antonette Asuncion, Mary Manasan and Yolanda Marroquin crunch some numbers on a nifty laptop. Basic business computing is a part of what students learn in this marketing class.

Matt Rose, Erin Ames, Vicky Lao, Saskya Russell, Russell Rose and Bobby Nijjar revise their resumes in preparation for another conference. The competitions are a major element of a successful DECA class.



Johanna Murrain doublechecks her numbers for Ms. Kimmel, who is interested in a shiny new Chevy Blazer. Learning how to provide customers with pertinent information helps DECA students understand what it takes to close a deal.

Showing off the spacious cargo room on this Chevy Venture, Chris Soria practices his professional demeanor. A sedan is a good choice for a woman on the go like ROP administrator, Alyssa Lynch.

DECA

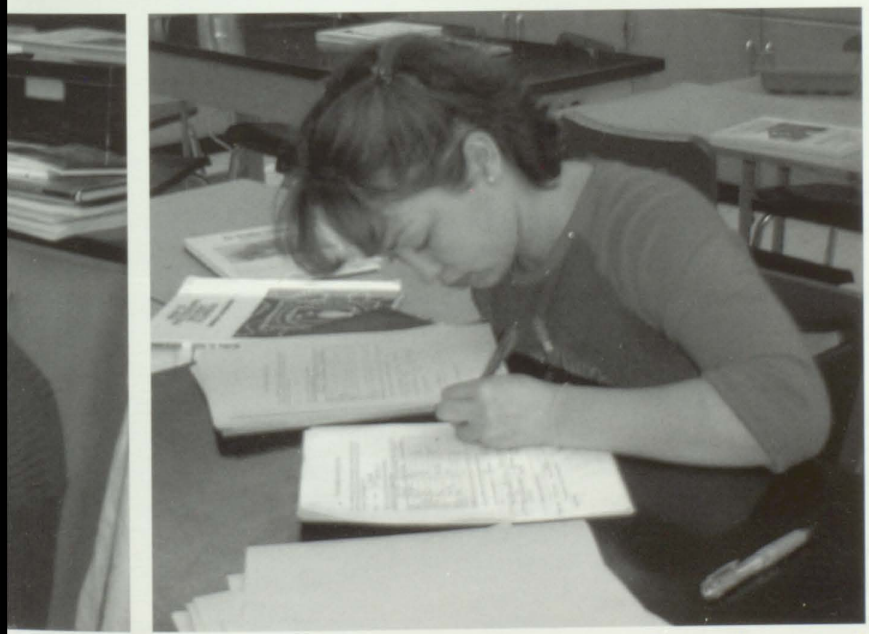
Imee Candelario, Jessica Strizeck and Courtney Delzompo go over a humor page layout. If they think it's funny, chances are most Vikings will as well.

Robin Basra and Jennifer Cheung proofread articles on the computers. Spellcheck is useful, but it doesn't catch everything.

Erika Ramos reads off quotes while Manny Jassar types them into the layout. Cooperation is a key component of an effective journalism class.

VOICES CARRY

Kirsten Johnson watches as Ms. Mary Roman demonstrates how to use QuarkXPress on the PC. The newspaper prefers this publishing software to the nearly obsolete Adobe Pagemaker.



Lehua Harrison tabulates the results of a survey given to the senior class. Student input is important in reporting stories accurately.

By Jackie Lean

IHSs student newspaper, *The Viking Voice*, has undergone many changes in 2000-2001. Not only is there a new advisor, Ms. Mary Roman, but it is now called just simply *The Voice*. The staff has added a humor page, as well as changed what was once the features section to Lifestyles. The layout and writing styles are also new and different.

The Voice had a rough time getting off the ground this year. They had to overcome many obstacles to get their first issue out. The paper gets all its financial backing from advertising and receives no money from the schools budget. They started the year under the shadow of a huge debt from last years printing bill. The staff didn't have a classroom or computers for two months due to the renovation. The first issue didn't come out until the second semester, well after the usual October debut.

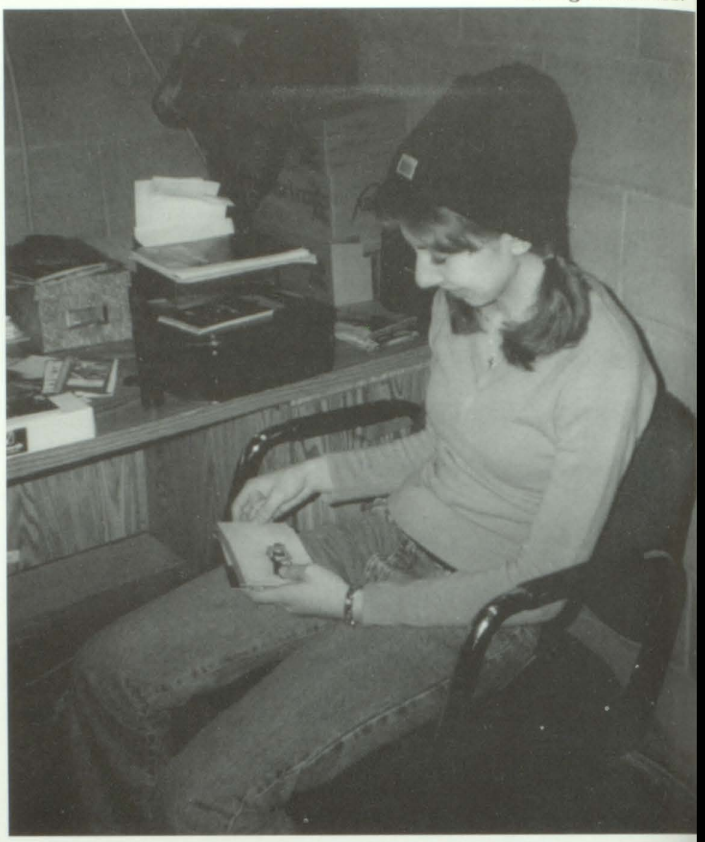
The Voice informs IHS students about issues relating to the school. People who are not on staff can submit work for publication. Normally, an issue comes out once a month beginning in October, with a total of eight issues a year.

Working on the paper is very stressful, but the editors have said it is well worth the while. It teaches them skills they will use throughout their lifetimes and the whole school is up to date on the news. The new and improved *Voice* has had to overcome many difficulties in this long and traumatic year, but they have carried on the tradition of quality journalism at Irvington High School.

MAKING HISTORY

It's tiny little Mariejhun,
Who always hums a cheerful tune,
With Mark, our resident goofball,
Always ready with a crack.
They caught senioritis in October
And there's been no turning back.
Reliable Mariella, her section's done on time,
Now helps out on other peoples' deadlines.
Cassis coverage was quick and thorough,
Just like her kickboxing moves.
When Jackie's here, she's on the ball.
That's if she comes to class at all.
Rachel's mind is focused and steady,
For copywriting she's always ready.
Freshman Anita is one-of-a-kind,
Since she's the only staff member in grade nine.
Susanna helped out with everything,
Her work is everywhere, as you can see.
Teri's always glued to her computer screen,
Going over layouts again and again.
There's Eric, acting dazed and confused.
Real or not? It's up to you.
Next comes Roger, Mr. Moneybags.
Need something? He's the one to ask.
There goes Christina P., rushing off to class.
Senior stress? What's that?
Calm Kristine is never rattled.
Tell her your problems, she won't tattle.
Techmeister Brandon keeps the Macs going.
80s music is his groove thing.
Vanessa and Christina G. have an unbreakable tie,
If you see one, you know the other's nearby.
Yan Min scans pics like a pro,
Even with a sling he's on the go.
Stealth staffer Stanley is never seen,
Just his work shows up, neat and clean.
Loni checks in to see what we need,
Then she gets it in with (almost) top speed.
Sportsmaster Pia came late in the year,
We wish in September she'd been here.
Altogether we're the Saga staff.
We're finally done with our tremendous task.
Whew.

Vanessa Miranda painstakingly sorts through stacks of photos, searching for ones that fit her layout. The Saga shot an average of six rolls of film a week, sometimes as many as 15 rolls were developed during deadlines.



Waiting for inspiration to strike, Mariejhun Aguas reclines on a donated chair. Even though the classroom had comfortable furniture, most hardworking staffers rarely had a chance to use them.

Imprisoned in the Dungeon with iMacs, Susanna Tuan pores over her layouts, doublechecking fonts and formatting. Pagemaker, being out-of-date, requires meticulous proofing to ensure consistency.

Anita Subrahmanyam and Rachel Hillman check proofs for spelling and punctuation errors. Younger staffers have the advantage of knowing they can apply what they've learned next year.

What's that?! Eric McCutcheon wonders what kind of animal has a hold of his T-shirt. It's just a Zoe monster. Kenobi, the dog, is busy with other things. The Saga staff enjoyed a joint picnic with Mission's Costanoan staff in September.

ON THE COURT

Kristine Scoles searches for an open teammate to pass to as the clock ticks down. Both the girls JV and varsity basketball teams had a tough season, but they survived and learned from the challenge.

Liz Choo gets ready to set for her
critical game against the Wash-
volleyball teams held their own
this year, winning more games

SPORTS

Members of the boys swim team scramble for a prominent spot in this historic photo, the first underwater shot in the *Saga*. The presence of yearbook's cool camera has wiped all thoughts of practicing out of their minds for the moment.

Drive.
Determination.
Discipline.

Athletes know the meanings of these words. They live them every day of every season. They learn from their losses, and revel in their victories. They know that they alone are responsible for their success. They strive to improve with each practice...setting goals, achieving them, and then setting new ones.

Irvington athletics are a challenge. With our diverse population, scattered from one end of Fremont to the other, its hard to coordinate practices and carpools, hard to build up the kind of relationships that form the foundation of a solid team. Those who try to overcome these barriers, however, gain invaluable experience from the attempt. They even get to have some fun while they're at it. The following pages are dedicated to the athletes who give it their all. Their faces tell more of the story than words ever could.

teammates during this
ington Huskies. The girls
against their opponents
than expected.

The varsity football entertains the lunchtime crowd that has gathered in the courtyard with their special rendition of the Electric Slide, performed to the disco rhythms of Gloria Gaynor's classic, "I Will Survive." The dance was a publicity stunt designed to attract people to their fundraising barbecue, catered by Outback Steakhouse.

Judging by their positions, the Vikes are going for a running play against Clayton Valley. Playing on home turf was a thrill for both players and spectators.

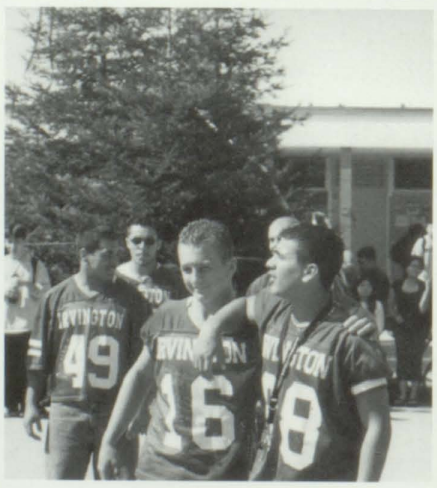
FOOTBALL

By Mark Reynolds

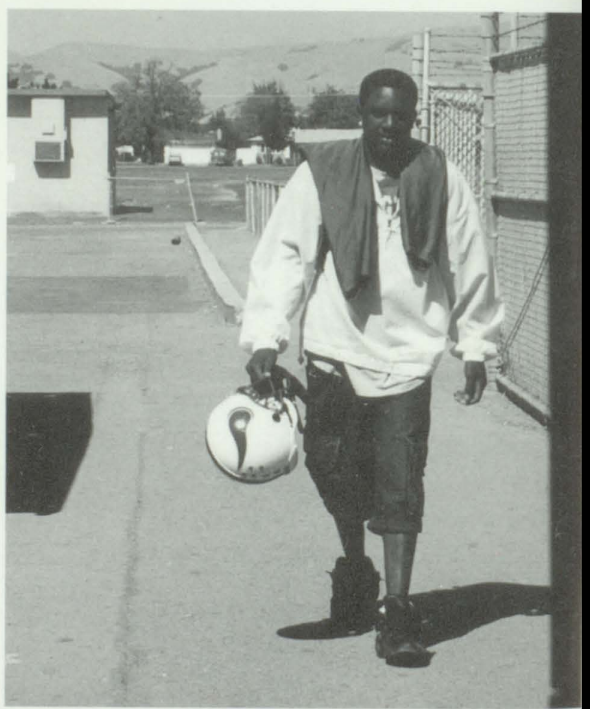
Going into the 2000 season, the Irvington football team was excited and enthusiastic, hoping to make it to the MVAL playoffs. A season like that would close the doors on the criticism they'd endured through the last few years, and the Irvington football program would earn the respect of their fellow classmates and other competing MVAL schools. It would be a tough road ahead of them, but they entered into the fray with confidence and determination.

The season started off great, with a win against Los Altos. But as the season wore on, problems plagued the team. There are just too many individuals who want to do their own thing instead of work on teamwork,' says Anthony Burnett of their weaknesses. 'Hopefully, we've learned more about how to work together this year, and we'll use what we've learned when next year rolls around.'

Despite the dissappointment of a 3-6 season, the Vikings still garnered strong support from their fans. At the first IHS home game in 30 years, against California High, alumni, students, parents and staff all came to cheer on our team on home turf. As Viking of all ages filled the new-to-us bleachers (generously donated by 3-Com Park, formerly known as Candlestick) it was easy to see why our team's spirit is still strong in the face of adversity.



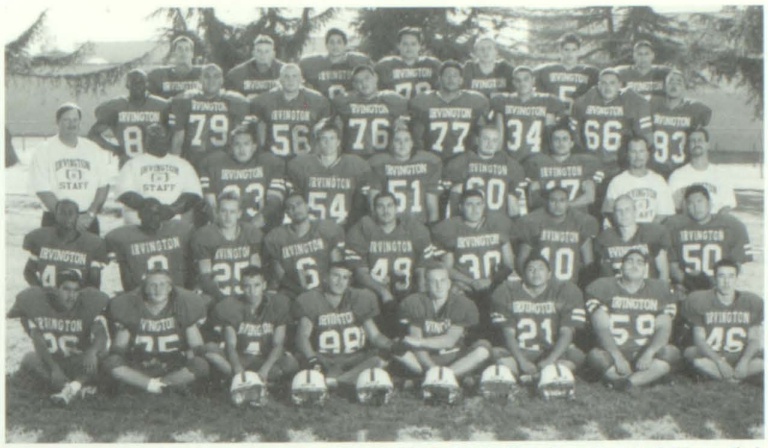
What a relief that's over! After varsity football's fantastic performance of the electric slide, Josh Stone and Nate Carvalho support each other back to the locker room. These guys are tough on the field, but even their knees get weak with stagefright.



Byron Austin is pumped up on his way to suit up in the locker room. The long practices have honed our Viking's skills, now it's time to show the world what they can do.

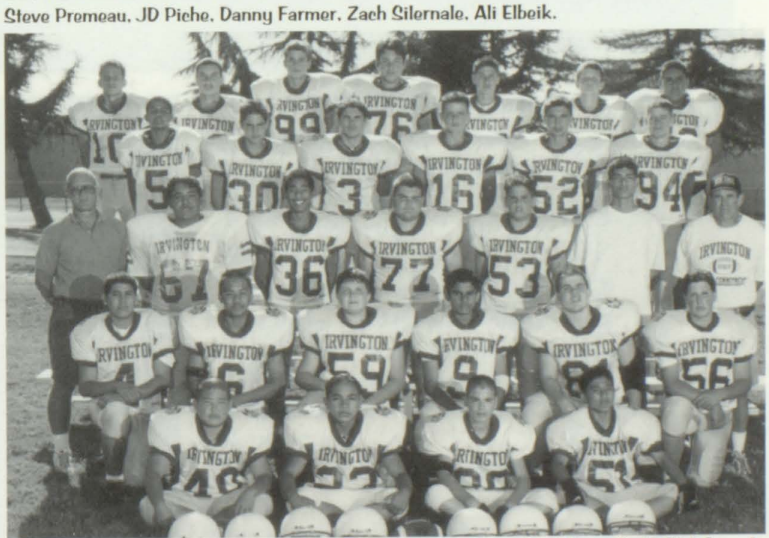
Lining up for another play, the Viking offense gears up for a touchdown blitz. At the twenty yard line, they have a shot as long as they don't fumble.

	IRV	OPP
Newark Memorial	3	34
James Logan	0	33
Kennedy	31	29
Mission San Jose	0	33
Washington	0	34
American	11	2
Los Altos	23	19
California	7	35
Monte Vista	3	30



FRONT ROW: Daniel Nieves, Patrick Dillaboy, Bobby Delgado, Nate Carvalho, Josh Stone, Nick Rutchena, Gabe Morales, John Dooley. 2nd ROW: Ryan Thomas, Bryon Austin, Steven Seidler, John Hoover, Albert Sandoval, Luis Holgain, Julio Gonzalez, Jacob Stone, Brandon Tang. 3rd ROW: Coach Rob Vandeusen, Coach Alex Smith, Joe Guinto, Ryan Buchanan, David Howe, Danny Boswell, Atiqullah Nabizaba, Coach Wayne Stone, Coach Bob Spain. 4th ROW: Brain Deburr, William Schmidt, Anthony Novello, Johnny Granillo, Germain Varga, Josh Blandino, Jesus Suare, Ray Santos. Back Row: Ivan Lentz, Steve Miller, Jonathan Najm, Joey Mackewicz, Chris Plummer, Zaman Virani, Steven Burks.

FRONT ROW: Dustin Seidler, Javier Camacho, Diwan Williams, Mathew Smith, Jarrod Fiance, Bryan Duong. 2nd ROW: Anthony Burnett, Trevor Sanford, Josh Cavaness, Matt Delgado, Ricky Demoreas, Richard Cardadeiro, Olivia Rodriguez. 3rd ROW: Coach Russell Duncan, Coach Eric Frederic, Matthew Hanson, Ryan Paulsen, BJ Klossner, Coach Joey Shreffler, Coach Michael Thompson. 4th ROW: Jeremy Leonard, Danny Swengel, Trinity Peterson, Thomas Bui, Nicholaus Guerrero, Todd Reid, Josh Howe. Back Row: Scott Torrence, Edward Neunzig, Steve Premeau, JD Piche, Danny Farmer, Zach Silernale, Ali Elbeik.



FRONT ROW: Michael Do, Jonathan Aquino, Steve Vasquez, Jonathan Mejia. 2nd ROW: Gerardo Guerrero, Chris Matarlo, Eugene Sapazhnikov, Gorvin Pandher, David Bahney, Matt Crowell. 3rd ROW Coach Bill Sinnott, Michael Shimomura-Robison, Samuel Gomez, Razzaq Shaikh, Brandon Minyen, Sameer Deen, Coach Soucis. 4th ROW: Dane France, Farhad Baniani, Tom Becerra, Derek Hallet, Chris Randolph, Jeff Buchanan. Back row: Chuck Durham, Andrew Rojas, Jason Cain, Nate Berge, John Hebison, Patrick Allan, Kalani Kalawaia.

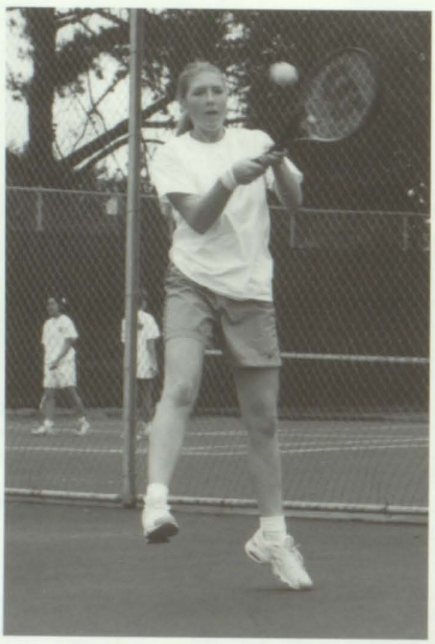
GIRLS TENNIS

By Mariejhun Aguas

It was a hot year for the girls tennis team. Practicing and playing in over 90F weather requires commitment and dedication of the highest magnitude. Despite a dissappointing overall record, they still managed to pull together a respectable number of wins.

The weather was hotter this year than any other season in recent memory which did not help the team much during their games or practices. Imagine twelve exhausted girls, lined along the fence, faces dripping with sweat from the grueling heat. On some days, it was too dangerously hot to do a full practice, so they had to content themselves with minor drills and rallies. With much determination, they honed their skills and worked on developing their teamwork.

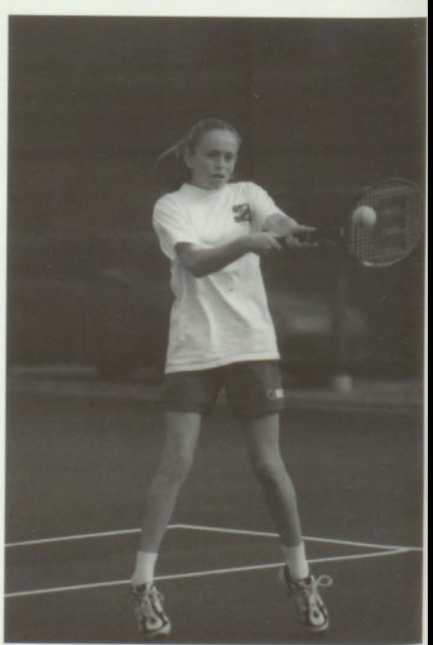
Another problem that plagued this years tennis team was the unusually small number of players. Coach Steve Strout commented, The strength of the team is its singles players and the weakness is the lack of players. This is only Strouts second year coaching the girls tennis team, so hes hoping that they will continue to develop and grow as time goes on.



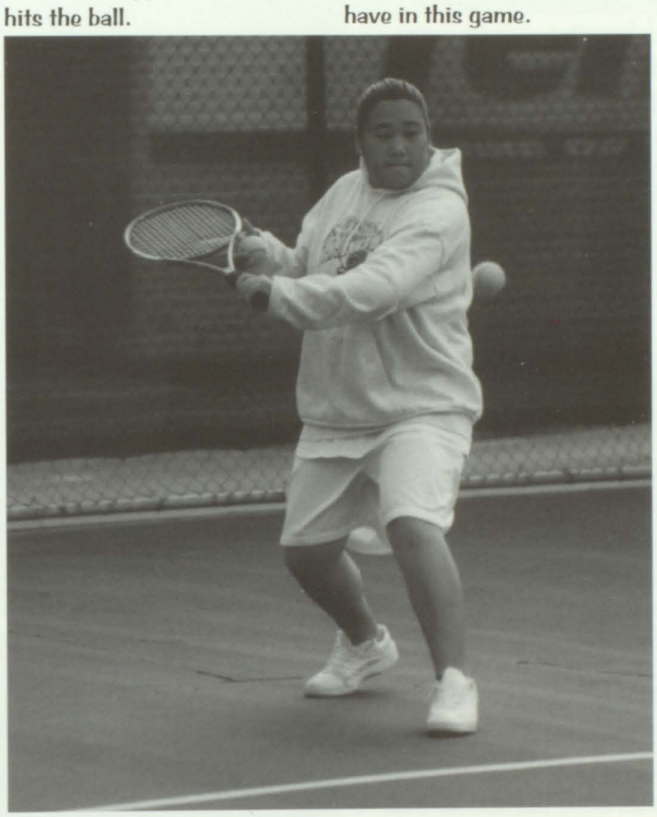
Hand-eye coordination is vital to developing a strong stroke, but springy tennis shoes don't hurt either. Alisha Jensen leaps up to catch a ball on the fly.

Catherine Leong considers a high-bouncing ball...will it be out of bounds or not? Better to return it and keep the game going than risk a miscalculation.

Freshman protege, Sarah Henry, returns a close one. The speed at which the balls travel make tennis a dangerous game as well as a challenging one.



Leakhena Suon is ready to return. Her perfect stance gives her the flexibility to run anywhere on the court as soon as her opponent's racket hits the ball.



Hit it, Pia! Concentrating hard on the fuzzy yellow orb, Pia Malinis knows her racket will hit its mark. A firm backhand is a vital skill to have in this game.

Gloria Kee waits for a rally to begin. The first return of the game is always the most stressful, as you're gauging the intensity of your opponent's serve.

FRONT ROW: Emma Pena, Leakhena Suon, Catherine Leong, Sarah Henry. 2nd ROW: Alisha Jensen, Ashley Juenger, Nicole Cochran. Back ROW: Asst. Coach Albert Li, Grace Shaw, Karen Yoshimura, Gloria Kee, Pia-Jacquelyn A. Malinis, Erika Ramos, Coach Steve Strout.

OPPONENT	Score
Washington	3-4
American	4-3
Mission	0-7
Newark	0-7
Kennedy	4-3
Logan	2-5
Washington	4-3
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Mission	0-7
Newark	0-7
Kennedy	4-3
Logan	1-6

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

By Mark Reynolds

Volleyball was a great way to start out the new school year. I came to Irvington from a different junior high than the rest of the freshmen class. I was a stranger to almost everyone and almost everyone was a stranger to me. It was hard adjusting to the new environment and volleyball made everything so much easier.' says Liz Choo of the Lady Vikes jv volleyball team.

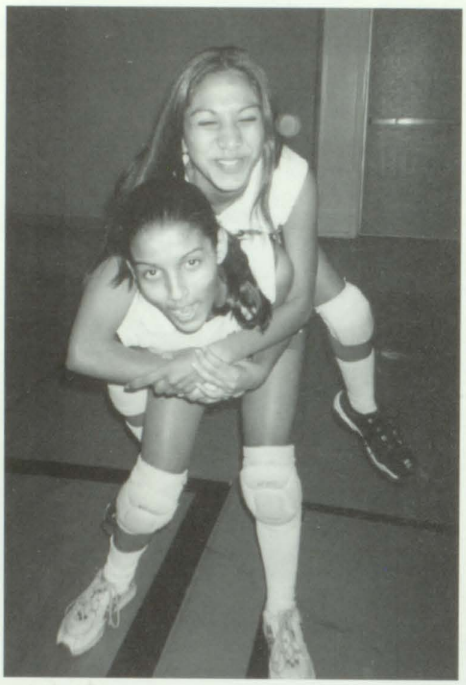
The jv team, coached by Me-Low Eybal, aka Slim Shady, had a bunch of ladies with drive and a love for the game. A good sized freshmen contingent ensures that they will have a strong start next year.

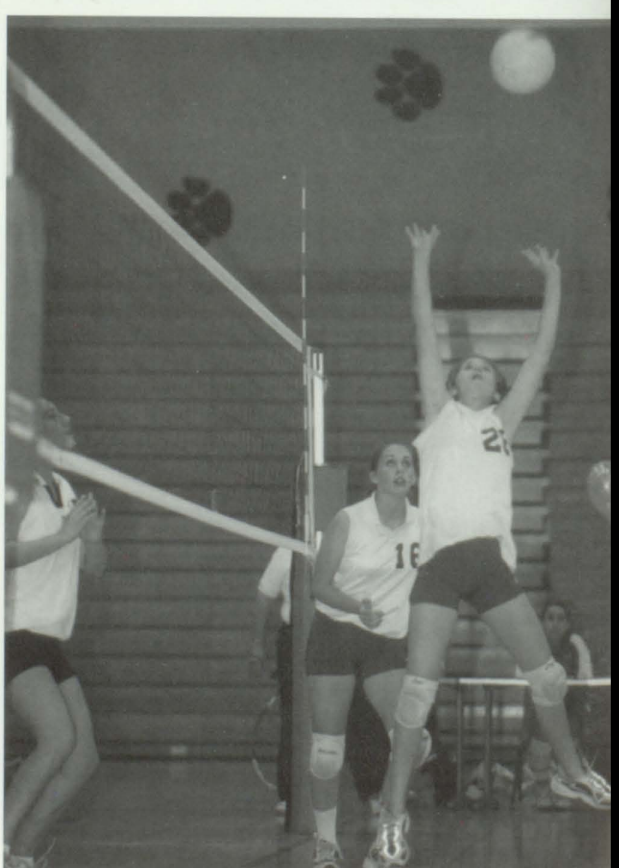
The season itself was very successful. We accomplished so much. We didn't just play, we played a game that we loved. We also played as a team,' said varsity captain Racheal Hallet. As the only senior, she was a natural leader and inspired the other players to reach their personal best.

Coached by Liz Simones, IHS alumna and sister to varsity player, Becky Simones, this year's varsity team played a commendable season with a 4-8 record. Junior Mana Kahali is already charged for the 01-02 season, 'We came in fresh and we came out cookin', and we are ready for anything next year.

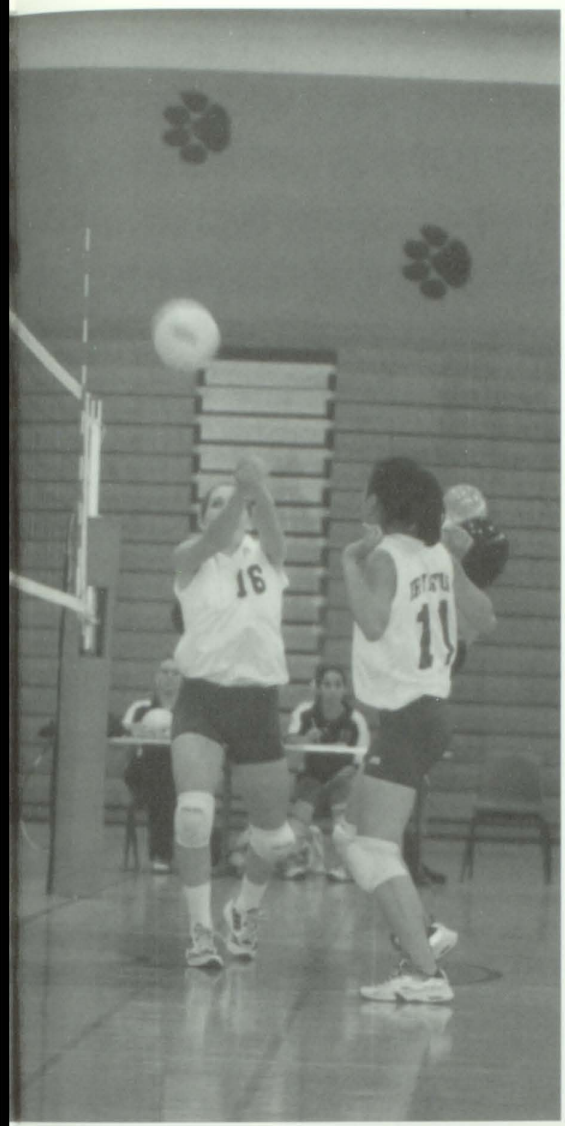
Sabrina Habel attempts to fake out the other side with a soft return over the net. Her teammates make sure to stay out of her way, as this is the third hit on their side of the net already.

She's not heavy, she's my teammate! Nancy Mohan gasps for air while Manjot Saini enjoys the ride. It's better than Disneyland!





Chelsea Whitfield stretches to set a high ball for a powerful spike. The Husky on the other side of the net is praying for mercy.



FRONT ROW: Chelsea Whitfield, Leah Mosgrove, Amanda Flores, Megan Gailey, Katie Maria, Elizabeth Choo. BACK ROW: Coach Me-low Eybal, Nancy Mohan, Shannon Haslinger, Lynee Sanute, Sabrina Habel, Manjot Saini, Kate Mosso, Jacquelynn Nguyen, Renie Yuen.

FRONT ROW: Rachel Hallet, Staci Lopes. 2nd ROW: Irina Pisnaya, Krystal Phaneuf, Becky Simones, Mana Kahali. BACK ROW: Ashley Duerr, Melissa Kleinsasser, Coach Liz Simones, Carrin Flores, Jessica Perkins.

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Logan	1-6

A strong serve can be an incredible advantage in a tight game. Becky Simones focuses on the ball dropping to contact her powerful arm as she belts one over the net.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY		
OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L
Mission	31-24	L
Logan	27-28	W
Washington	21-34	W
Newark	15-45	W
Kennedy	17-38	W
American	17-38	W

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY		
OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L
Mission	45-15	L
Logan	45-15	L
Washington	22-36	W
Newark	27-28	W
Kennedy	15-45	W
American	25-30	W

Almost there! David Torres rounds a curve and heads for the finish at a race at Coyote Hills. His tightly controlled breathing helps him maintain energy for that final burst.

Focusing hard on the end-run, Kimmy Manos doesn't realize the sun is setting over the marshes. Cross country runners have the unique opportunity to compete and enjoy nature at the same time.

FRONT ROW: Lisa Ton, Holly Root, Lindsay Meyers, Kimmy Manos, Christy Baird, Abigail Galloway. 2nd ROW: Robert Noakes, Jarrod Fullerton, William Miranda, David Torres, Ryan Wong. BACK ROW: Umang Patel, Coach Leo O'Neill, Robert Dort, Jared Figueira, Pavan Trikutam.

Struggling competitors from Mission and American groan in dismay as Umang Patel shoots by their sweaty bodies and tired feet. With his arms pumping hard, Umang uses his reserve energy to sprint towards the finish line.

CROSS COUNTRY

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
Ben Liu and William Miranda race each other, as they have left the rest of the pack behind. Although cross country is a team, individual runners within the team also vie for rank.

The last part is the hardest, as Lindsay Meyers's expression proves. These athlete's willingness to suffer for their sport says a lot about their level of dedication.

All League runner, Robert Dort, is in the zone. His beatific smile demonstrates the meditative powers of a good workout.

By Kristine Scoles

On top of having an amazing season, IHSs cross country team broke records this year! They impressed the school and amazed their proud coach, Mr. Leo O'Neill, who exclaime, 'Outstanding!! This year the girls cross country team was the best in the history of Irvington.'

But it was an especially big turnaround for the boys. Last year they only won once, this year it was 4-2 and they finished third in the league. Three freshmen boys even broke records in the three mile run, Umang Patel, Hasan Misherghi, and Robert Noakes.

The girls finished the season almost undefeated, 5-1, and took second place overall in MVAL. Not to mention, two of our girls, Holly Root and Abigail Halloway, went to the state cross country championship.

Both teams made it into the NorCal Section Division 3 Tournament. There, girls finished fifth while the boys placed 11th. All in all, this has been a very impressive year for our long-distance runners.

Oh, here we go...Coach Larson is giving his guys the game plan. Mainly, it consists of play hard and look good. Motivation is the key to victory.

WATER POLO

By Mark Reynolds

Going into the season, the girls waterpolo team had eight returning varsity players, three girls advancing from jv and a brand new freshman. With captains Lisa Covey (First Team All League) and Natasha Schroeder, the Lady Vikings were bound for greatness and achieved it. Varsity girls went undefeated,.

This team will suffer some major losses next year, as five seniors will be graduating. Our team was very close and we had a lot of fun together. I know Im going to miss it after all these years. At least we went out with a bang! said Desire Olsen. Desire and Natasha Schroeder are the first IHS players on varsity waterpolo during all four years of high school.

Moving on to boys waterpolo and their knockout 6-3 season, which left them ranked number three in the MVAL. Kenny Juenger had an amazing 193 saves throughout the season. This feat earned him the title of MVP for the 2000 season. His performance also did wonders for the popularity of water polo as a sport. In fact, the more games they won, the larger their cheering section grew.

Coach Larsen is proud of the progress his team has made this year, 'As the kids learn the game better, their performance gets better as well. Waterpolo is such a new sport that there is only room for improvement from here. The goal for next year is winning the league and it is definitely possible with this group of kids.'

Shelby Twohig launches a vigorous defense against the Huskies. Number two doesn't have a chance of getting the ball past her.

Focused and ready to jump on the action, Lisa Covey treads water while on alert for a loose ball in the pool. Waterpolo is multi-tasking at its finest.

Searching for an open teammate, Amanda Woodrum prepares to send the ball back into play. These players don't use goggles because it affects their peripheral vision, but what about sunglasses to protect from the glare?

FRONT ROW: Shelby Twohig, Lauren Ashley, Tricia Perez, Lisa Covey, Natasha Schroeder, Nicole Ramsay. 2nd ROW: Heather Piccolotto, Lauren Avina, Sara Fulk, Desire Olsen, Amanda Woodrum, Shannon Hoerner, Marila Maschion. 3rd ROW: Joel Strakey, Jeff Litwin, Ryan Silveira, Ashley Kendall, Brittany Lovejoy, Brittany Schroeder, Kelsey Roldan, Kim Van Derwerken, Bryan Aljandrino, Frank Becerra. BACK ROW: Justin Wang, Andy Degregorio, Casey Covey, Clay Palmberg, Kenny Juenger, Nick Driscoll, Keith Aldinger, Michael Mclaughlin, Matt Van Derwerken.

Happy happy, joy joy. These guys are just glad to be out in the sun, playing their best, and hanging out with their buds. Even the funny-looking helmets can't faze them.

Goof off or practice? Hmmm...it's no contest when a waterproof camera appears poolside.

GIRLS WATERPOLO

Opponent	Score
Washington	5-3
Mission	8-6
American	7-5
Newark	7-6
Logan	8-6
Washington	8-4
Mission	9-6
American	10-4
Newark	10-6
Logan	12-8
Washington	11-7
Newark	12-9
Mission	10-7

BOYS WATERPOLO

Opponent	Score
Washington	3-3
Mission	4-6
American	6-6
Newark	7-6
Logan	8-6
Washington	8-7
Mission	9-7
American	10-7
Newark	11-7
Logan	11-8
Washington	11-9
Newark	12-9
Mission	12-10

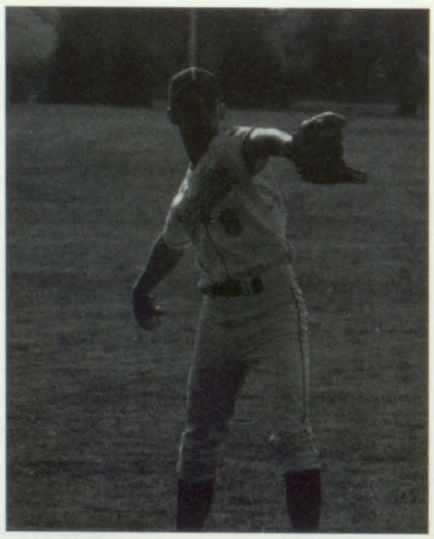
BASEBALL

By Mark Reynolds

Our team had many reurning players this year. Experienced veterans are the key to a successful season, since they have developed the teamwork so necessary to a game like baseball. It doesn't hurt that some of the varsity players are young, only sophomores, so that they will be able to continue this tradition for years to come.

Not all of our players will be coming back, however, seniors like Matt Pestana and Bobby Valentine will be sorely missed. Their contribution to the season was immeasurable, in terms of morale as well as great plays.

'It's been an exciting year,' said Christopher Walker, a sophomore on varsity. 'Our new coach, Larry Harrington, has made it interesting.' He, like most of the team, is looking forward to improving their record next year.

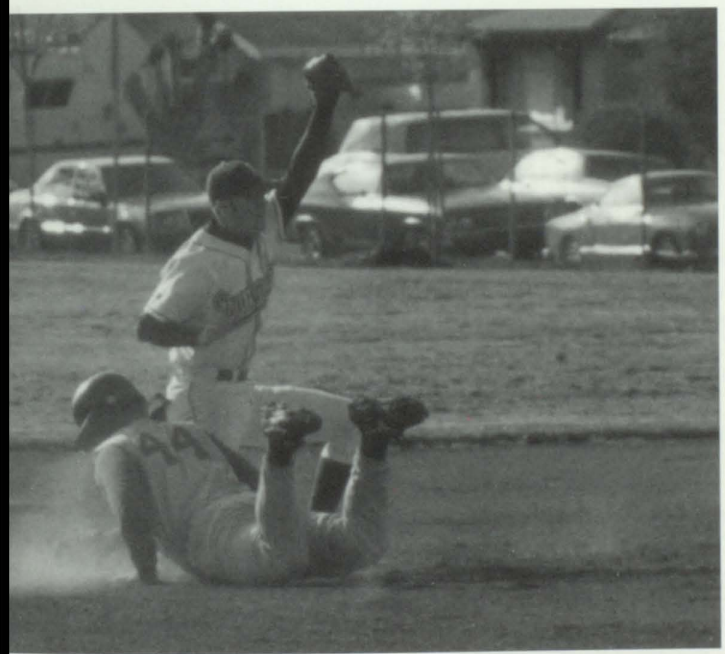


After fielding a pop fly, Nick Eckler prepares to send the ball back to the pitcher. The Viking outfield has been strong this year.

Reaching high for an almost-homer, Matt Pestana shows that 13 is a lucky number for the Vikes. The owners of the cars on the street should be grateful for his fancy glovework, too.

Jason Goldstone pitches a fast one and Bryan Evan is ready for anything. The team spent a lot of time conditioning and practicing in the preseason, and it paid off.

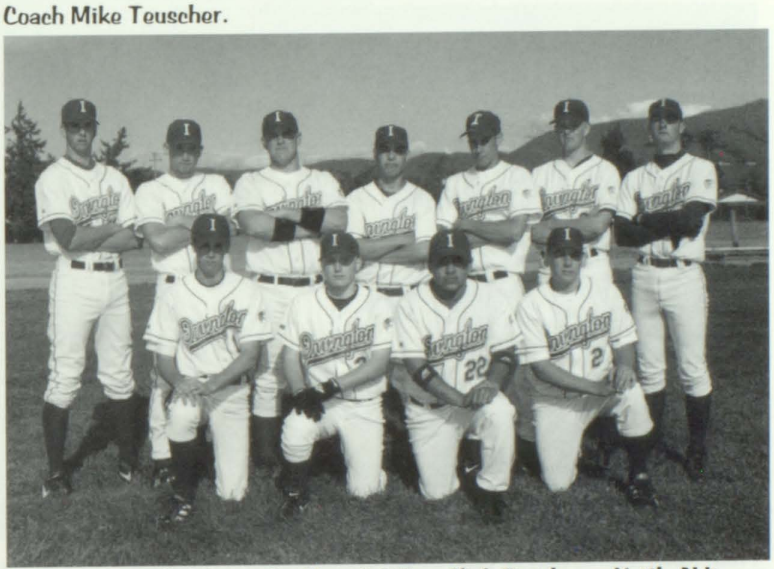
Kicking up puffs of dirt like the Roadrunner, Dave Redgrave races down the baseline on a double. The late rains affected the game schedule, but our Vikes made a good season out of it anyway.



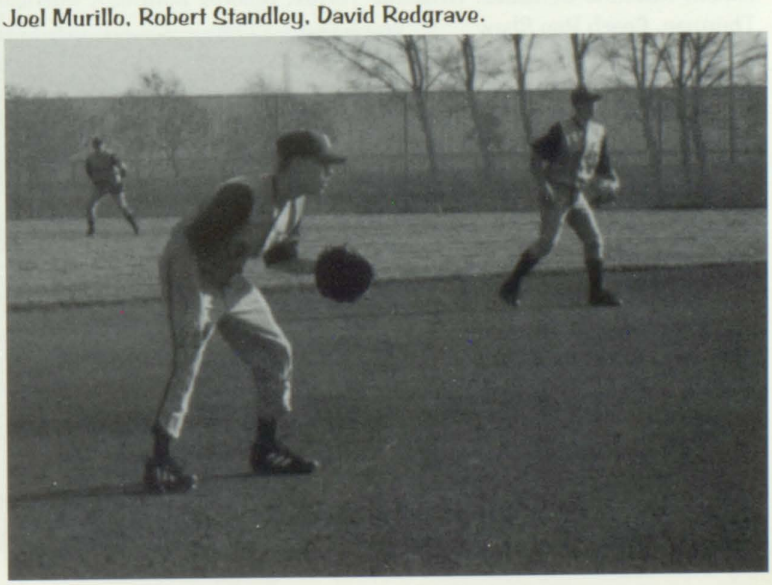
HE'S OUT!! Dave Redgrave nails another Newark runner, while Zane Silvernale backs him up.

Chris Stage and Matt Crowell are alert and ready for anything that may come their way. JV had a fairly successful season as well.

Front Row: Chris Smith, Scott Holtog, Matt Crowell, Jimmy Ballard, Jon Sexauer. 2nd Row: Chris Stage, Matt Johnson, Matt Van Derwerken, Matt Teuscher, Eric Yoshimura, Jake Botner. Back Row: Corey Young, Kalani Kalawaia, Curtis Jensen, Jason Cain, Chris Arnaz, Derek Hallett, Alex Broom, Coach Mike Teuscher.



Front Row: Zach Silvernale, Chris Walker, Nick Rutchena, Keith Aldinger. Back Row: Matt Pestana, Jason Goldstone, Bryan Evans, Bobby Valentine, Joel Murillo, Robert Standley, David Redgrave.



Front Row: Desire Olsen, Stephanie Boele. 2nd Row: Crystal Stader, Jessica Jimenez, Katie Maria, Katie Winkley, Laura O'Neill, Jessica Stryczek. Back Row: Coach Sandy Silva, Jessica Perkins, Jessica Smith, Kristen Teuscher, Katie Dudgeon, Sarena Ayres, Head Coach Kim Martin.

Front Row: Natalie Garcia, Lean Mosgrove. 2nd Row: Erin Strong, Nina Garza, Leslie Ballard, Celina Guerra. Back Row: Coach Ronda Gardner, Jamie Shannon, Rosalina Gonzalez, Krishelle Torres, Dolores Gonzalez, Michelle Thurman, Coach Ron Shaw.

Michelle Thurman is ready for anything, especially grounders. The preseason was disrupted by rain, but the games they played prepared them for a great season.

Katie Winkley keeps a close eye on the pitcher in anticipation of a stealable moment.

Leah Mosgrove is poised to hit a homer. JV was loaded with talent this year, assuring a great varsity team in years to come.

Reaching long, Leslie Ballard makes sure to tag the runner before she has a chance to touch base. Another out!

SWING batter□□! Or not. Laura O'Neill lets a high ball go. She knows where the box is.

Catcher Sarena Ayres anxiously follows the play in the outfield. Not to worry, our defense is on top of things.

SOFTBALL

By Jessica Perkins

Softball season is coming soon,
I love to play it in the afternoon.
Friends of mine gather near,
Getting cut is their only fear.
We are alll good players and love the game,
However, theres always a player who gets the fame.

Weeks and weeks of endless pain,
A spot on the team is what we gain.
The sweat and tears are part of it all,
Some girls crack and take a fall.
I've played the game the last ten years,
And have always loved the noisy cheers.

We played each game like it's the last,
Screaming and cheering and having a blast.
The season is long and seems like forever,
But once it's over it's hard to remember.
In the end we make a new friend,
And hope the friendship will never end.

He flies through the air with the greatest of ease. Danny Farmer may not be a trapeze artist, but pole vaulting requires similar skills.

Kimmie Manos clutches the baton firmly as she heads into the final stretch. No mistake, she's left the competition in the dust.

Leading the pack, Stacie Lopes keeps her eyes on the prize. Watching one's foot placement is an important part of competitive running, as a misstep can cause injury as well as lose the race.

Front Row: Katie Juenger, Julia Sokhatskaya, Rachel Porlaris, Jessica Supnet, Sasha Obukhovskaya, Sabrina Habel, Allison Ligh, Jillian Stoorza, Irene Yuen, Enny Van, Alyssa Nimedez, Arina Ivanova, Ruth Mejia, Cheri Zhou, Diana Chien, Noosha Kahali. 2nd Row: Coach Leo O'Neill, Danny Farmer, Sarah Henry, Heather Driscoll, Astraea Jager, Lisa Stoorza, Ashley Juenger, Lauren Hawkins, Kimmy Manos, John Dooley, Staci Lopes, Lindsay Meyers, Carrin Flores, Abigail Galloway, Amanda Robison, Coach Wayne Stone. 3rd Row: Billy Wolf, Danny Arno, Jon Aquino, Nick Terry, Anthony Tadina, Curtis Takeda, Uriel Gonzalez, Albert Leo, Jen Iso, Christy Baird, Trisha Abad, Jessica Jhinnu, Chad Freeman, Angelo Siu Toung. 4th Row: Hasan Misherghi, Tim Cao, Tony Chan, Liwei Tsao, Victor Yoon, Pavan Trikutam, Husain Misherghi, Umang Patel, Trischelle Murdoch, Krystal Nzoiwu, Natalie Burnham, Allison Zuckerman, Erica Jhinnu, Elise Galdin, Steve Miller, Jonathan Najm. Back Row: Robert Noakes, Nick Johnson, Bryan Hamann, Oliver Franco, Jarrod Fullerton, William Miranda, Vincent Fowler, Ryan Wong, Chuck Durham, Nicholas Burke, Brian Loeswick, Robert Dort, Miguel Sandoval, Jacob Stone, Matt Smith, Jeremy Leonard, Josh Stone, Zaman Virani.

Umang Patel streaks past the other runners, taking the lead once again. His fleet feet are responsible for some of our most satisfying victories.

Leaping over hurdles is Curtis Takeda's speciality. Making this tricky maneuver look easy isn't easy to do.

It's a good thing the padding is nice and thick. Alyssa Nimedez throws herself over the bar without any assistance.

Concentrating on the finish line, Abigail Galloway zooms past the competition. The relay is one of the most challenging events, as it depends on teamwork and cooperation.

TRACK

By Vincent Fowler

Have you ever trained for a sport and thought it was the toughest thing you've ever done? Well, guess again, because Irvington's track and field conditioning is the toughest of all...and the most rewarding.

Every day around one hundred of IHSs best athletes stay after school to run, sprint, pole vault and throw the discus over and over again. You might think that the practices would be called off for bad weather, but we run our course in the freezing rain or the blistering heat, in almost any weather at all.

It's pretty hard, but for the effort we put in we get twice as much out of it. We've learned to support each other, especially when we're losing. We know the joy of crossing that finish line with a hundred people cheering just for you. There really is nothing quite as exciting and reassuring as that knowing there're people backing you up. Perhaps the best thing that came out of track was that we all learned what it really means to do your best. That is what the track team is really about: doing the best you can and always finishing your race.

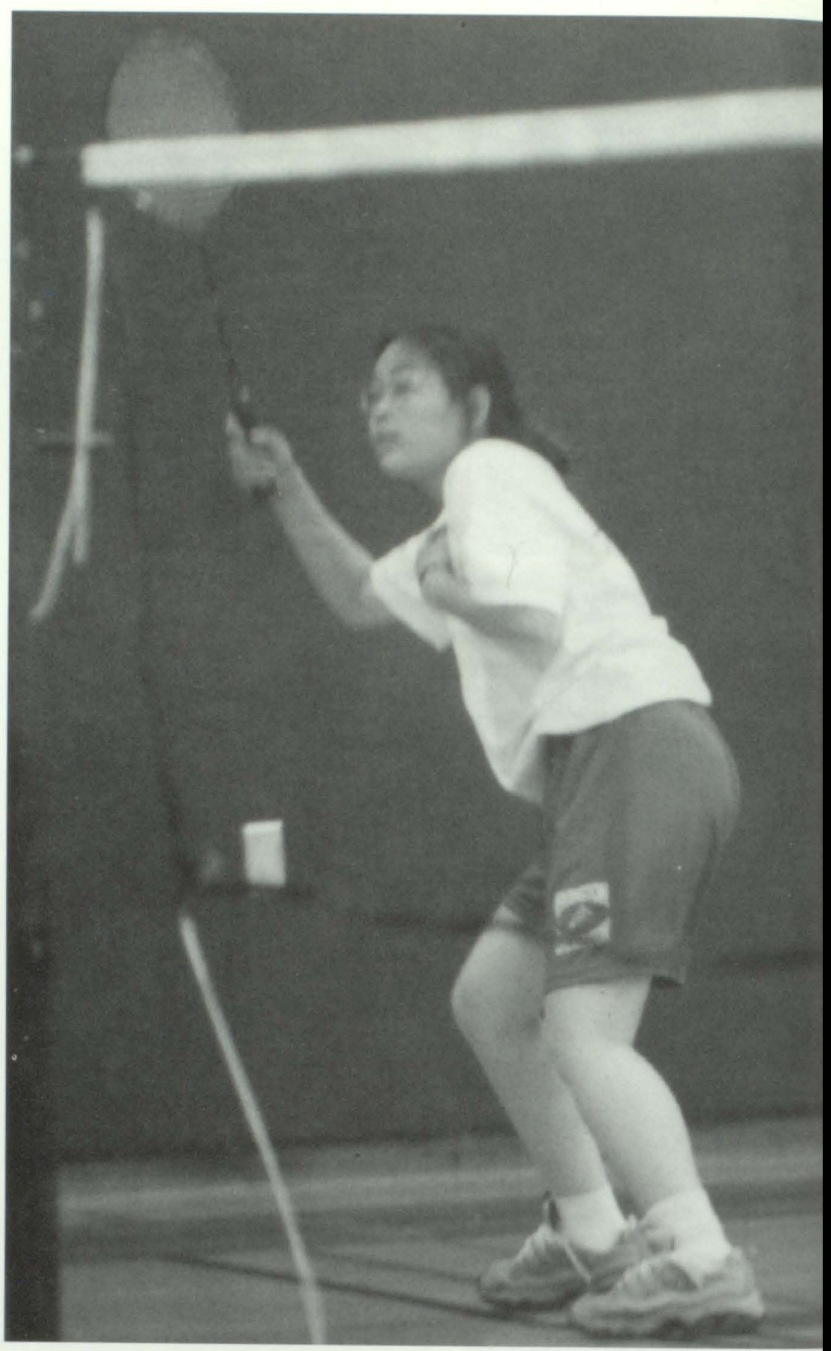
BADMINTON

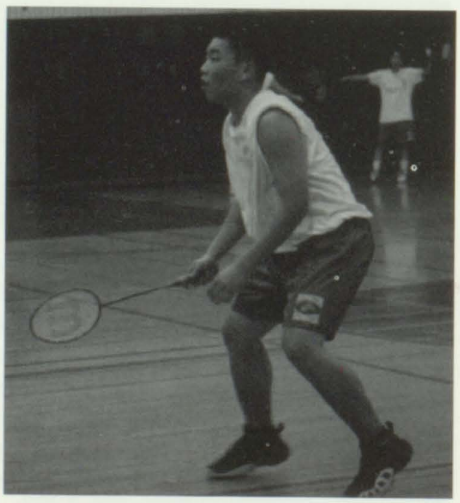
By Susanna Tuan

"Racket up!" comments coach Strout during badminton practice day after day. True, every player must have heard that line yelled at them repeatedly, someone still manages to forget everyday. However, that there is nothing wrong with their minute mistakes because no team is flawless. Despite the little errors, our Irvington badminton team still manages to sweep matches against opponents because of the impressive talent and dedication the players have. Having a coach who stays long hours after school, patiently helping his players has also brought up the over all ability and morale of the team.

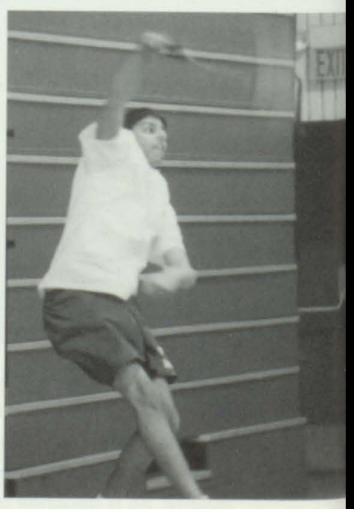
There are hard practices everyday, except on match days, and Irvington holds an annual badminton tournament every year. However, the team also knows how to have fun. There are also international potluck days and ice cream days. The badminton program is extremely balanced with dedication and an impressive record, the team manages to practice hard and have a lot of fun.

Who is that masked man? Alex Truong goofs off on the sidelines waiting his turn on the court. Since badminton is such a popular sport, each player's playtime can be limited by the number of courts open.



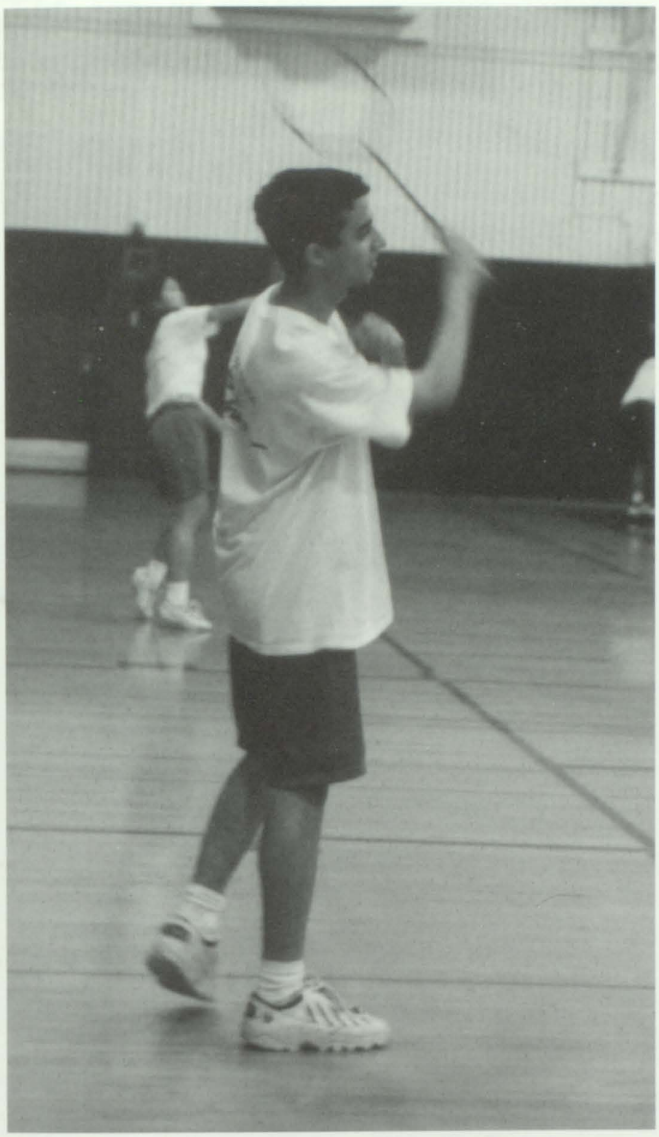


James Liu is poised and on his toes. Just like tennis, good lateral movement is essential to a badminton player's ability to cover his side of the court.



Yurika Vu leans over to block the birdie. Guarding the net is a vital skill in badminton.

Light and easy does it! Rahim Sonawalla sends the shuttlecock over the net in a gentle arch.



Eager to get started, Gloria Kee rushes onto the court with birdie and racket in hand.

Front Row: Sandra Jo, Kim Pham, Rosanna Huang, Erica Terry, Mani Jassar, April Sablan, Jenny Lee, Yurika Vu. 2nd Row: Mai Dinh, Joshia Chang,May Mei, Alisa Kerawala, Kyle Warmack, Andrew Yung, Virginia Huynh, Elisarah Sudharmadji, Nicole Huang, Matt White. 3rd Row: Alex Truong, Steven Lai, Janey Lee, Katherine Sese, Gloria Kee, Kevin Lin, Kevin Chow, Thuy Pham, Marie Tran, Clifton Der Bing. 4th Row: Anika Godhwani, Erika Ramos, Natalie Lee, Wendy Lao, Jennifer Hsu, Karen Chan, Katherine Tadina, Katrina Gonzalez, Vicky Lao, Nicole Chan, Ksenia Evdokimowa. 5th Row: Coach Sipsy, Somnath Suresh, Anne Chung, Dorothy Lee, Ben Ho, Jonnel Jacinto, Steven Nguyen, Jowell Jacinto, Rahim Sonawalla, Coach Steve Strout. Back Row: Drew Raboy, Maoyang Liu, Arthur Llabres, Ritesh Patel, James Liu, Gerstein Padua, Russeu Rose, Robin Basra, Jason Cheung, Gary Ta.

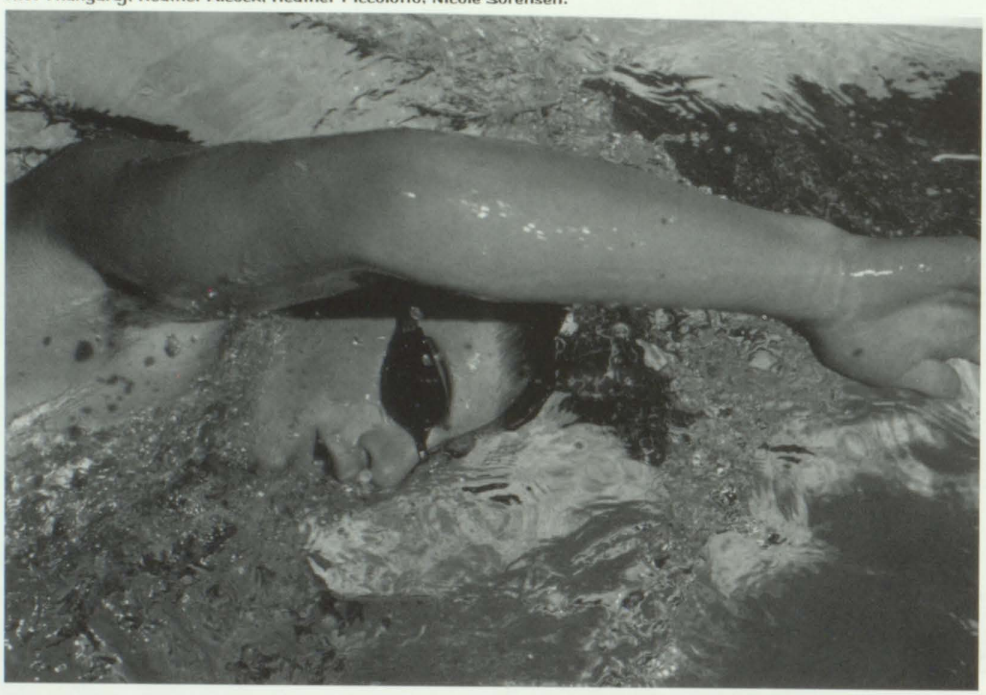
UMPH! That got it! Mani Jassar smashes a hard one back across the net. Who said badminton wasn't a macho sport?

Reaching for a return, Karen Chan gets ready to smack the birdie with the sweet spot of her racket. A good thwack is very satisfying.

Front Row: Steven Premeau, Ashish Agrawal, Justin Wang, Casey Covey, Andy DeGregorio, Bryan Alejandrino, Josh Michaely, Robert Pierce, Michael McLaughlin, Jeff Litwin, Eric Morris, Matthew Skelton, David Torres, Steven Tapia. 2nd Row: Hannah Steadman, Amanda Woodrum, Lisa Covey, Tricia Perez, Lauren Ashley, Theresa Ferreira, Natalie Beggs, Melissa Kleinsasser, Sara Fulk, Kelsey Roldan, Kim VanDerwerken, Brittany Lovejoy, Ashley Kendall. 3rd Row: Reka Dorjan, Lyndsie Smith, Shawnna Dehos, Kendra Brown, Chelsea Barto, Pam Michaely, Amy Watson, Lauren Avina, Marilia Maschion, Amy Thomas, Grace Hsiang, Aliyah Wong, Jennifer Sewell, Regina Quezada. Back Row: Sonia Vila, Natalia Sanchez, Valerie Lee, Melody Castro, Jessica Bjork, Jamie Mangan, Megan Galloway, Evelyn Lim, Nivi Thangaraj, Heather Alcock, Heather Piccolotto, Nicole Sorensen.

Jeff Litwin takes a breath in the midst of his forehand. A good breathing pattern keeps a swimmer's oxygen levels stable.

Chatting and kicking, Casey Covey and Andy DeGregorio warm up before a meet. Leg muscles should be nice and loose to avoid cramps in the water.



Kickingboarding is a most relaxing way to spend a warm May afternoon. Brittney Lovejoy smiles at the prospect of 20 more laps.

Justin Wang crawls across the length of the pool for the twelfth time in ten minutes. Developing speed is a critical goal for our swimmers.

Working on his butterfly stroke, Brian Alejandrino hauls his body out of the water before plunging back with a splash. This is one of the most strenuous strokes in swimming.

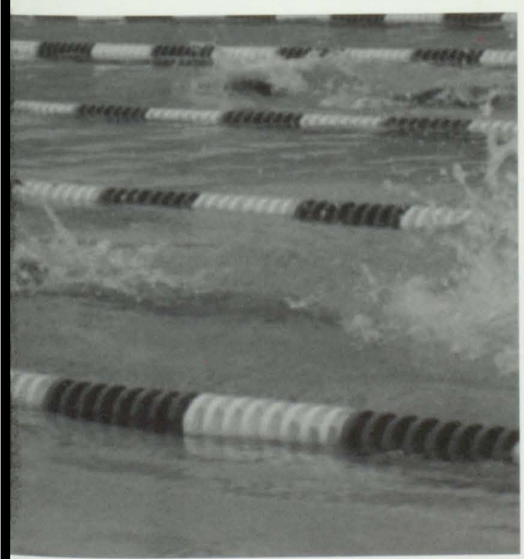
SWIMMING

By Anita Subrahmanyam

While Irvington may lack in certain sporting events, swimming is definitely one of our strong points. The JV girls swimming had a kickass season, whupping almost every other team in the league. After being mentioned in the newspaper various times for their outstanding record, the swim team here at Irvington has everything to be proud of. They really are the pride and joy of this school and their coach, Mr. Nels Larsen.

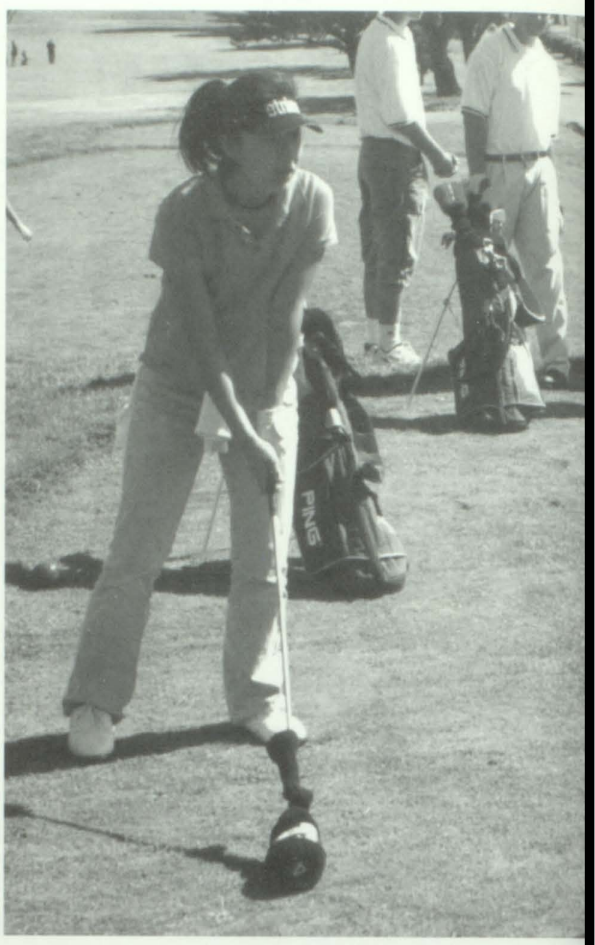
Although the swim unit is one of the most feared rituals of freshman year, the guys and girls on the team aren't embarassed about wearing those little Speedo bathing suits. They know it's just what you gotta do. Its all about being free in the water and team spirit!

So, if you ever want to feel good about Irvington, go watch the swim team, or join it! They have a lot of fun, and they win too. What more could you want to boost your school pride?



GOLF

Left to Right: Allen Swanson, Elizabeth Choo, Chris Takeda, Sam Yang, Daniel Chung, Seiji Kawamura.



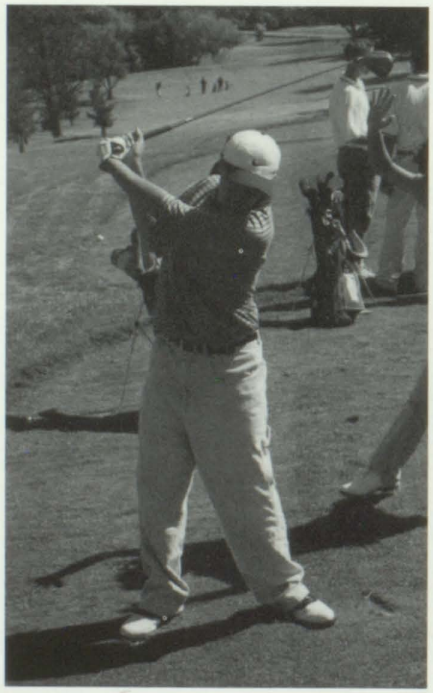
By Mark Reynolds

Golf may be the smallest team at IHS, but they sure have the biggest playing field! Of course, it's full of holes.

This is the first year that golf has been offered at Irvtown, and their season was unusually short. This will all change, of course, as the sport becomes more established and people sign up to participate.

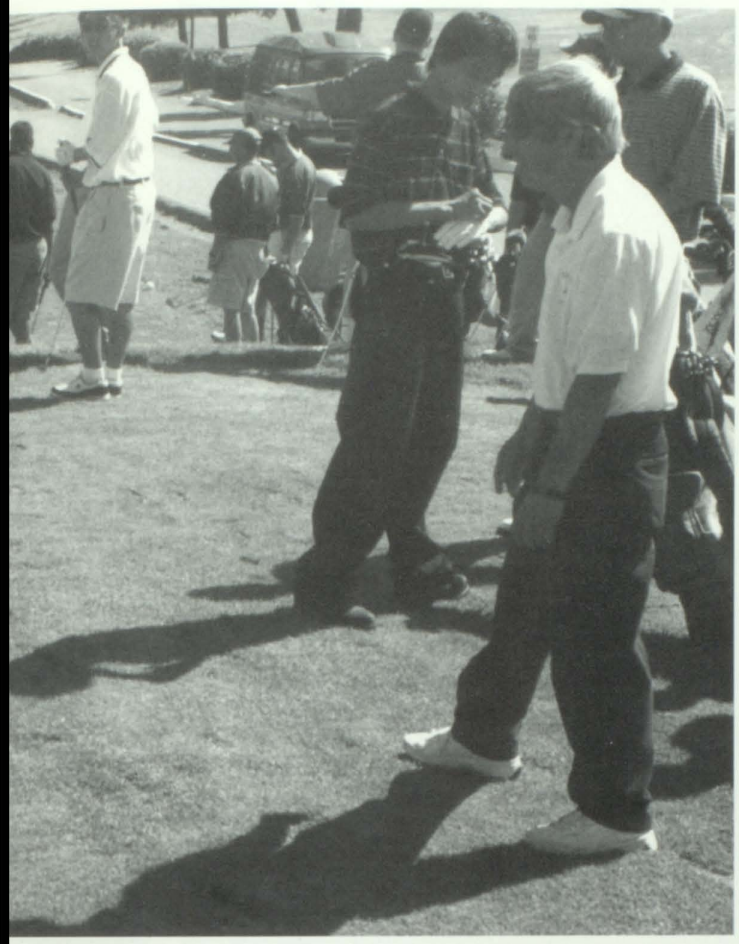
The team plays and practices at the Sunol Golf Course, which is quite a ways away, and tough for many of these non-driving underclassmen to get to. Too bad our district doesn't provide buses for sports teams anymore.

Mr. Seiji Kawamura coached this year, but since he's retiring, who knows what next year will bring. More golfers, at least.

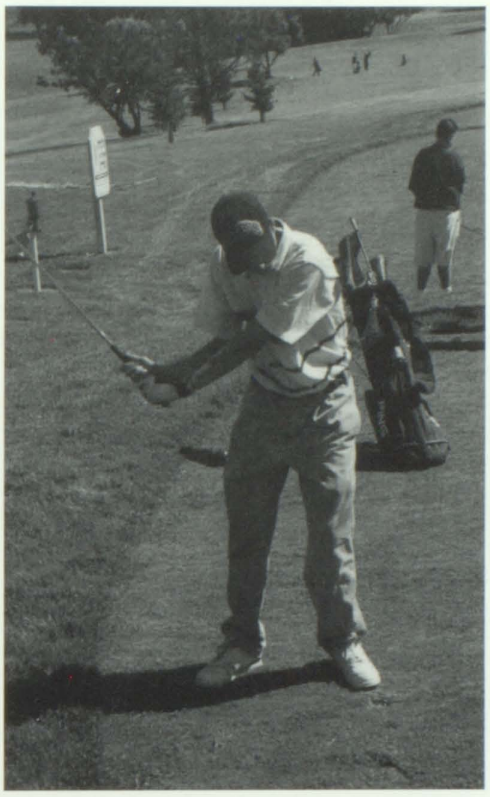


Chris Takeda prepares to swing. His form is strong and his reach is long.

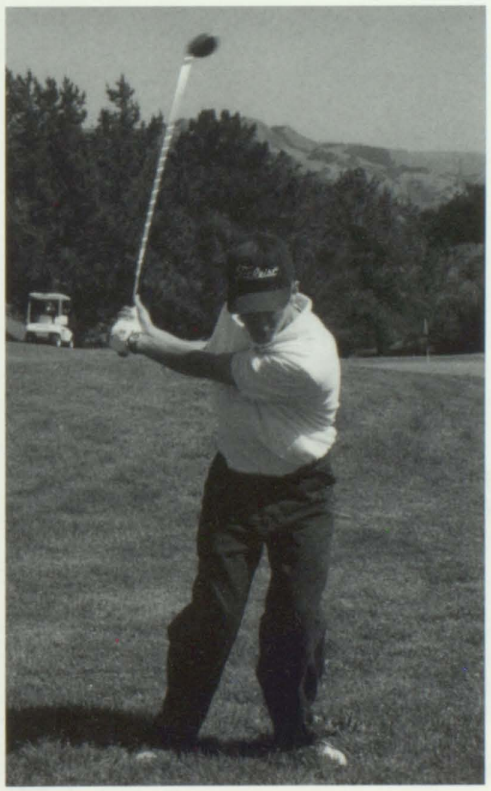
Wow, that one really flew! Daniel Chung watches his ball go sailing towards the green.



Liz Choo asks Mr. K if her grip is correct. FUSD gets a deal on green fees with the course for its teams.



Measuring the distance to the hole, Sam Yang prepares to putt. The variety of clubs needed to play competitive golf is often prohibitive to those who can't afford the luxury.



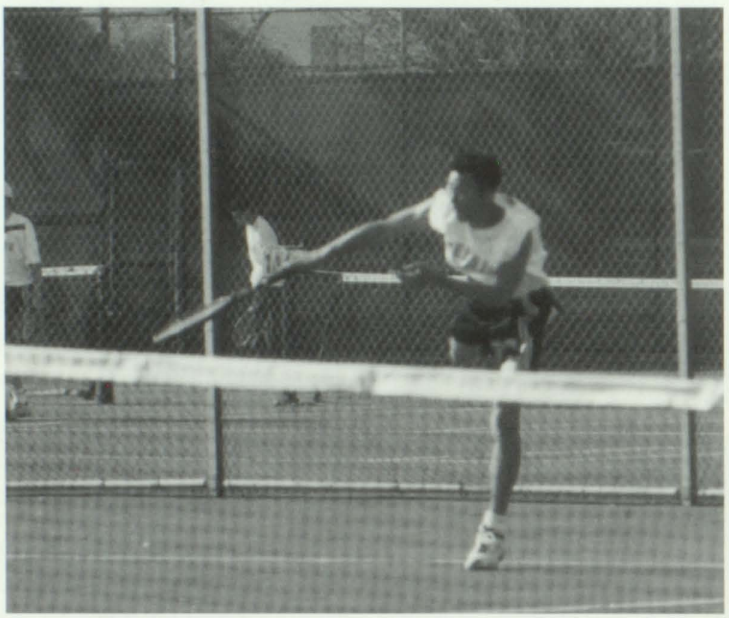
Allen Swanson demonstrates the difference positions for hitting for distance and putting. Wind and other weather conditions are also important for golfers to assess with every stroke.

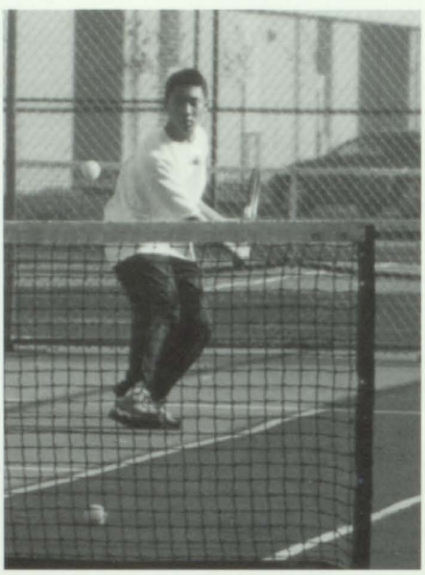
Front Row: Arjun Pisharodi, Andrew Truong, Chris Johnson, Albert Fung, Pavan Chopra, Chris Lay, Leo Chan, Wallace Dere. Back Row: Coach Mary Ann Bryant, Bobak Jaffarzadeh, Kai Li, Jimmy Mattar, Brandon Tang, Manaf Mansure, Albert Li, Jai Lad, Chris Kong, Alex Taguchi, Coach Erik Bryant.

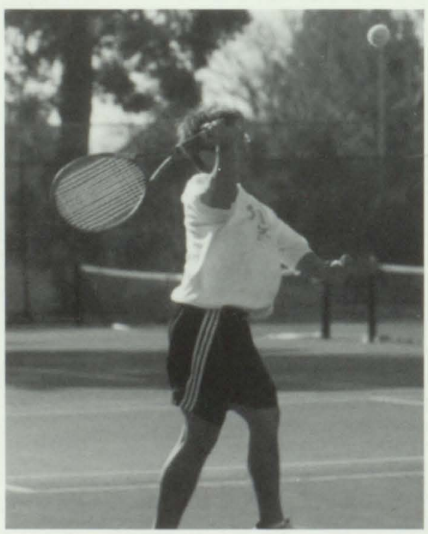
What a swing! Albert Li sends that fuzzy yellow ball across the net with a wallop! Game point!

Wallace Dere waits for the ball to come to his racket. A nice easy swing will do this one.

Reaching high, Albert Fung demonstrates his perfect overhand swing. Playing in the heatwaves of April is a challenge for these boys.







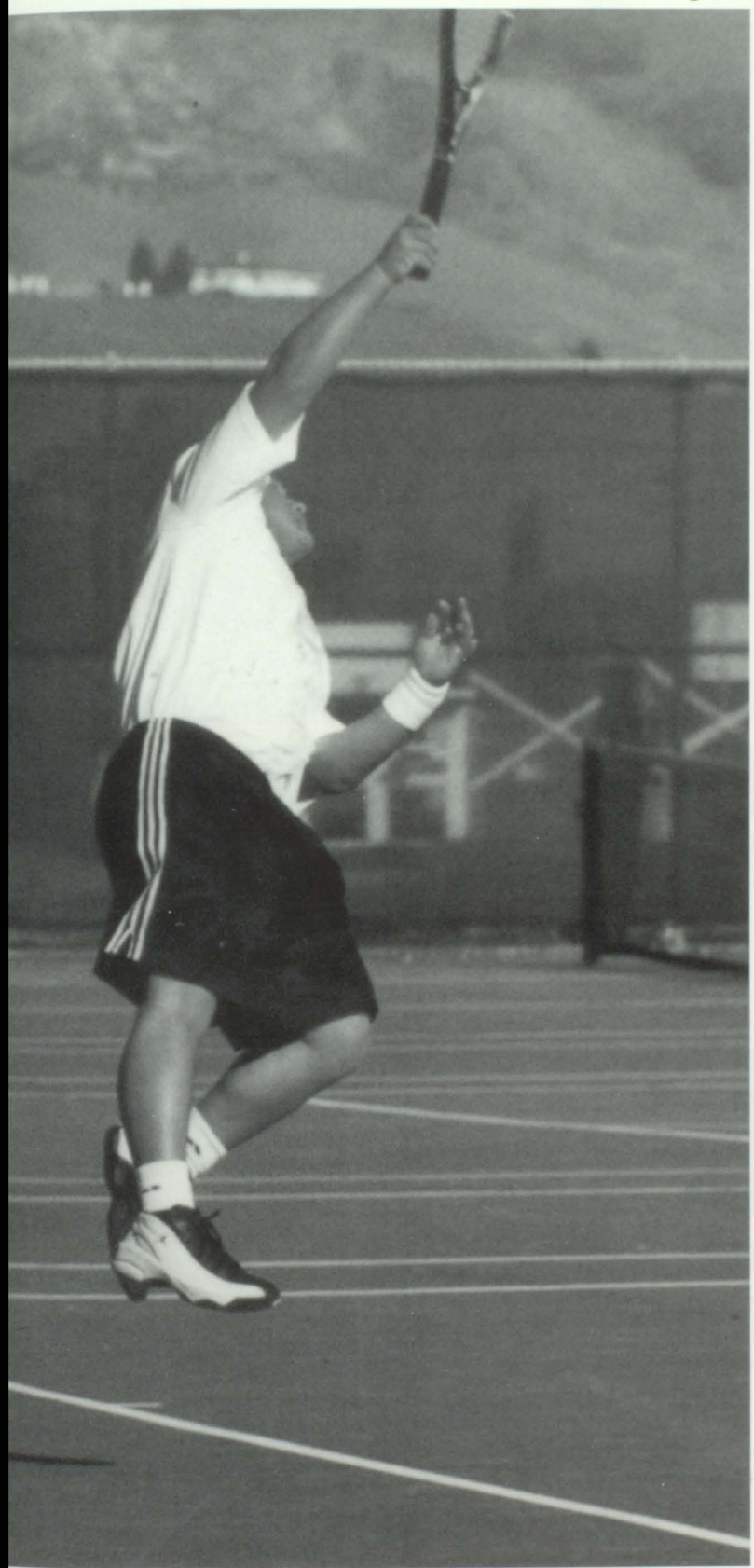
By Rachel Hillman

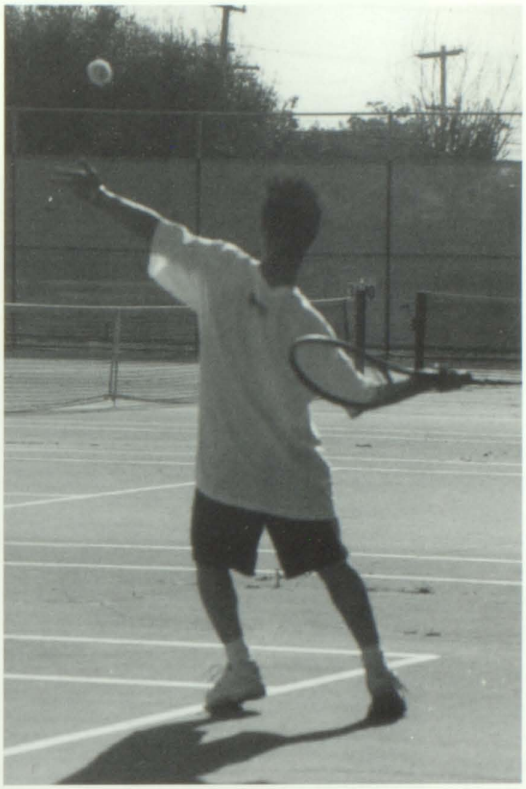
This years boys tennis team was not the best ever, but we still LOVE them. After Chris Lay and Duane House won a match, there would always be a loud RACKET, with the rest of the team cheering them on. Even though their NET win of the season was only one, their spirits were still high. The boys stuck together through it all, which SERVED their purpose as a team.

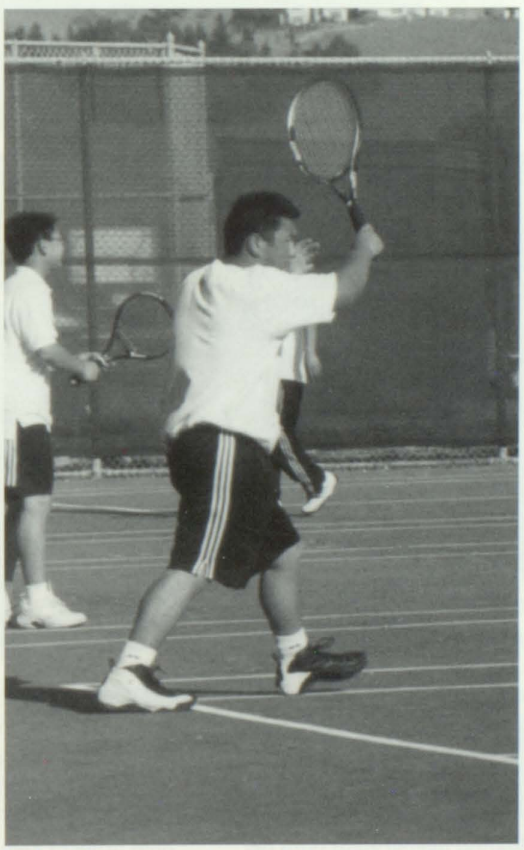
Their team spirit was evident on picture day, when the boys all wanted DOUBLES because they were sure the pictures came out great (which, of course, they did!) They SET the record straight for all those who thought tennis was an easy sport. Still, it was not hard for these guys, and after many days attempting to COURT the ball, to show the school their pride. When playing SINGLES, one must be very agile and quick like a fox in order to return the ball to the opponent. However, the GAME still takes much stamina and endurance. Go boys!

BOYS TENNIS

Umf! Brandon Tang zings his opponent with his power serve. A good serve can sometimes determine the outcome of the game.

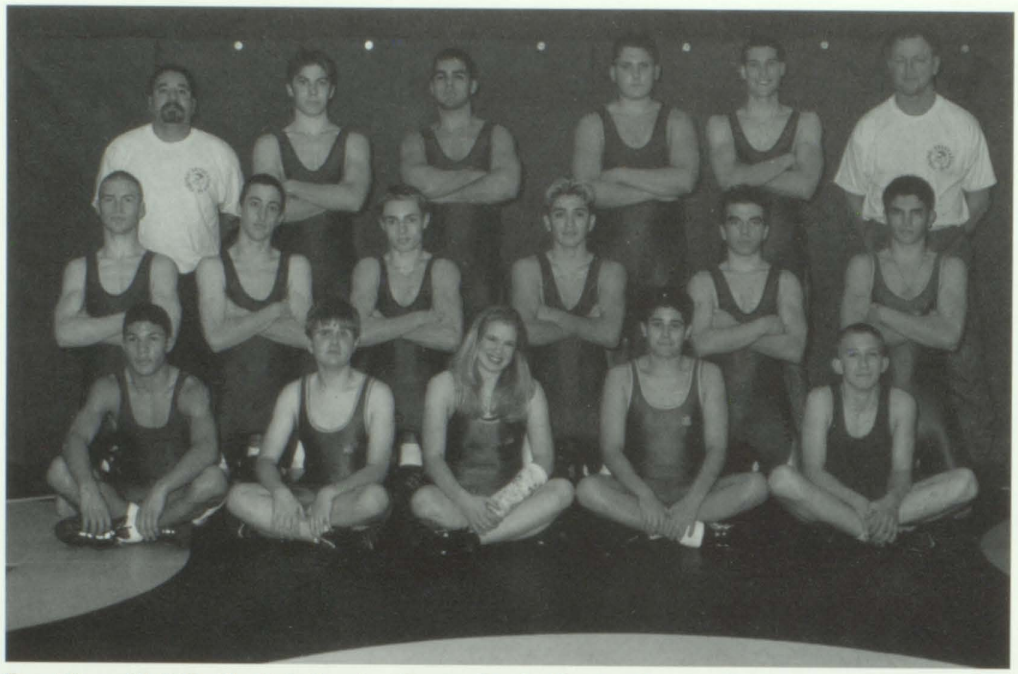




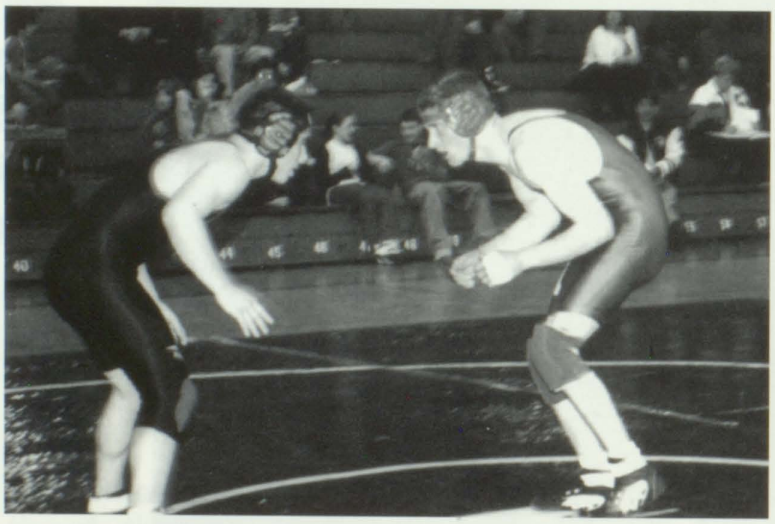


Andrew Truong reaches back to maximize the force of his swing. The higher the ball, the harder it is to send it across the net.

Almost out of bounds, but not quite! Brandon Tang watches the boundary line to make sure he doesn't return an out-of-bounds ball.

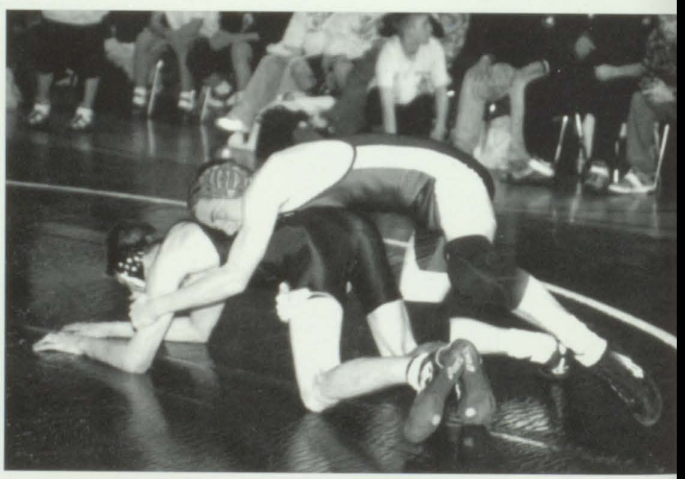


Front Row: Matt Smith, Kyle Snyder, Jessica Bjork, Charles Marotta, Scott Henry. 2nd Row: Jon Zmolek, Justin Kalla, Frank Becerra, Ben Martinez, Jarrod Fiance, Tom Becerra. Back Row: Coach Artemio Flores, Andy DeGregorio, Albert Sandoval, Brandon Bogue, Eric Walmer, Coach Bill Choate.

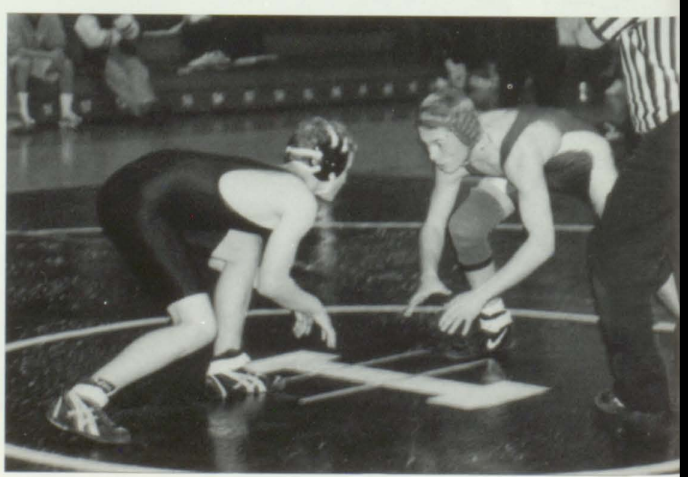


Warily, Eric Walmer prepares to engage his opponent. The ancient sport of wrestling is not much like the WWF.

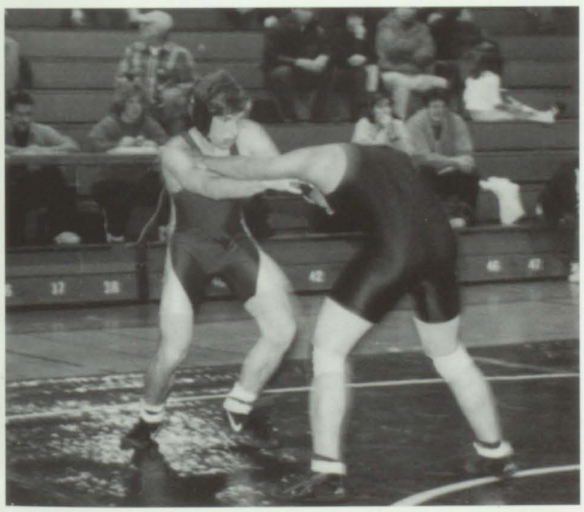
Holding desperately onto his opponent to maintain his advantage, Justin Kalla waits out the count. Wrestling could be considered the ultimate in contact sports.



Crouched low and ready to spring, Frank Becerra knows that the match can be determined by who gets a better grip first. Helmets help prevent some serious head injuries that would otherwise result from these clashes.



John Zmolek has a good hold and isn't about to let it go. Although wrestling requires a good deal of physical strength, it's also dependent on strategy and technique.



Andy DeGregorio is locked in furious battle with his opponent. It's a good thing his wrestling shoes have a solid grip on the mat.

WRESTLING

By Mark Reynolds

Stone Cold Steve Austin has nothing on Viking E-ROCK Walmer. This outstanding athlete has been competing on behalf of IHS for four years, emerging as a wrestling legend for Old Blue. His footsteps are being followed by youngsters like Frankie Becerra, who will take the team into the new millennium with a swagger that stomps the competition.

The Viking wrestlers have a softer side too, as demonstrated by Jessica Bjork, the lone Lady Viking on the team. Its not easy being the poster girl for Title IX, but someones gotta do it. Jessica does it with style.

Although the team didn't perform as well as they would've liked this season, they still pulled off a respectable number victories to close the year with a bang.

GIRLS SOCCER

What just happened? Ericka Jhinnu takes a breather as the teams wait for a ref's verdict.

By Mark Reynolds

It was a great season, says Cortney Hamic, of the girls varsity soccer team. Her sentiments have been echoed by her teammates, all of whom finished up the year in high spirits.

As one of the most successful sports teams at IHS, girls soccer has a reputation for being a very closeknit group. This is part of the secret of their success, the girls get along and hang out as friends in addition to being teammates, and so, their ability to play together is enhanced by this extra contact.

It doesn't hurt that many of the players have years of experience in youth leagues as well. The Lady Vikes make good use of this background, building on it to take IHS to the top.

Stopping the ball on a drive, Laura O'Neill prepares to head back across the field. Our powerful offense contributed to a satisfying season.

SCOREBOARD

Mission	L	L
Washington	L	L
Logan	W	W
American	W	W
Newark	W	L
Kennedy	W	W

Hai YA! No it's not karate. Kendra Sakuda tosses off a power kick to block an attempted pass.

Melissa Genberg leaves the competition in the dust as she propels the ball across the field. Stellar performances by all the players led the Lady Vikes to a winning season.

Front Row: Kali Delzompo, Anabel Leon, Melissa Genberg, Laura O'Neill, Sarah Fernandez. 2nd Row: Rebecca Morgan,Cortney Hamic, Erica Jhinnu, Elise Galdin, Jennifer Iso, Lupe Vargas. Back Row: Candice Schrodetzki, Kendra Sakuda, Amanda Lumley, Coach Tessy Manuel, Pamela O'Neill, Ashley Juenger, Veronica Caballero.

Squeaking by an opposing Titan guard, Veronica Caballero drives the ball in for a goal. Three hour practices on many chilly January afternoons made for a strong and focused team.

Front Row: Shanna Cooper, Aliyah Wong, Regina Quezada, Jen Estrada. 2nd Row: Emilia De Luz, Kimberly Doying, Ambur Hollenshead, Ashley Denton. Back Row: Lizebeth Koloko-Green, Amanda Blythe, Lynee Sanute, Jessica Jhinnu, Coach Strong.

Back Row: Coach David Cordova, Frank Camacho, Leo Chan, James Tran, Eric Morris, Bryan Hamann, Matt Pestana, Danny Arno, Alex Broom, Jason Hall. Front Row: Oliver Franco, Arturo Espinoza, Husain Misherghi, Julio Barreto, Scott Miller, Manuel Silva, Jose Mendoza, Nick Terry.

Front Row: Eric Silveira, Ivan Dundic, Matt Teuscher, Jeffrey Stepan, Nick Regopoulos. 2nd Row: Jesus Suarez, Matt Delgado, Douglas Brock, Borris Reznikov, Chris Boyce, Brian Loeswich, Njok Elvis. Back Row: Coach Alfredo Garcia, Chris Zmolek, Joel Murillo, Nicholas Eckler, Jon Ashley, Bryan Evans, Danny Fernandez, Travis Bamberger, Coach Tony Silveira.

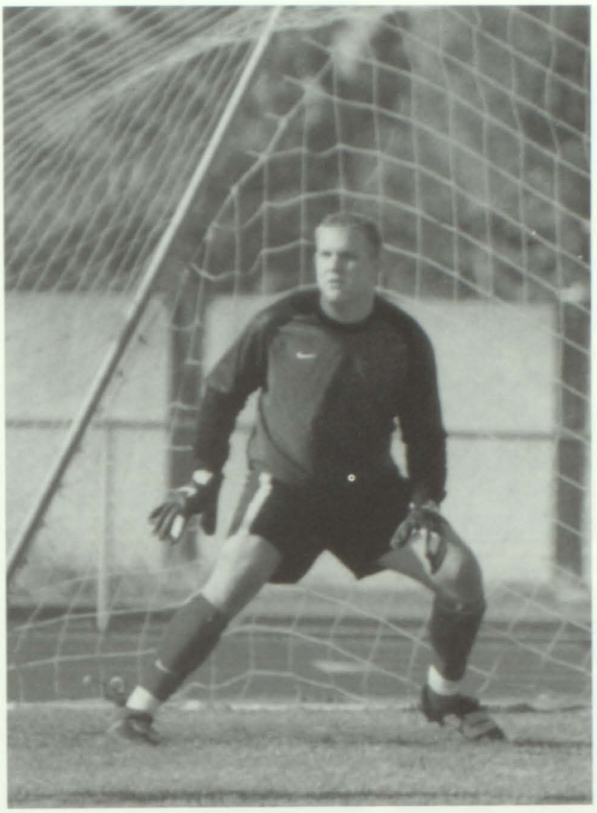
Sending the ball back into play, Bryan Evans gets ready for another run for a goal.

Bryan Evans leaps high for an intereception. As a goalie, he has permission to touch the ball with his hands.

Matt Delgado, Bryan Evans, Boris Reznikov, Matt Teuscherand Nick Eckler take a Gatorade break before the second half of the game.

BOYS SOCCER

Goalie Bryan Evans is alert and ready for any ball that dares come his way.



By Mark Reynolds

Varsity boys soccer had an excellent season this year, winning seven of their twelve league games, tying three and losing only two. JV didn't fare as well, with only one win, but no worry, they have plenty of time to practice for next year.

Since there are a number of young players on the varsity team, theres a good chance that boys soccer will continue to excel, and hopefully draw a larger pool of players in the future.

This year has been a good one for Viking soccer fans. Lets hope this winning streak lasts a long time.

It's a double Brian play! Brian Loeswick and Bryan Evans lay their bodies on the line to stop the opponents' ball from advancing.

SCOREBOARD	VARSITY		JV	
American	W	W	L	W
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Newark	W	W	L	L
Mission	T	W	L	L
Kennedy	W	W	L	L
Washington	T	L	L	L

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Krystal Phaneuf hustles down the court with a Monarch on her tail. Varsity was hit especially hard as they lost a number of valuable players midseason.

Swerving to avoid going out of bounds, Sarah Coelho demonstrates admirable ball control. Sometimes, that rubber ball has a mind of its own.

Almost there! Sarena Ayres can taste the swoosh of the net as she races towards another basket.

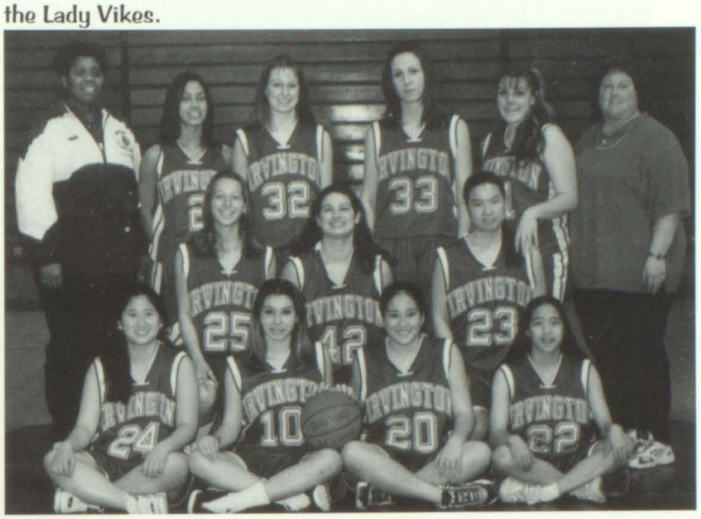
By Kristine Scoles

This years girls basketball JV season started off with a bang. After an intensive round of tryouts, the girls who made it on the team knew it was time for some hard work.

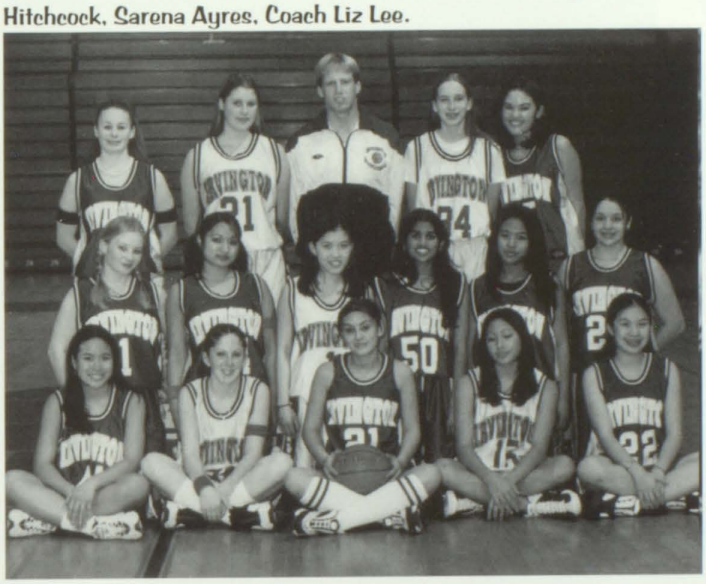
With three hour practices and games twice a week, its no wonder the team bonded, and this closeness showed in their playing. 'Out of all the teams we played, I think we improved the most,' says Krishelle Torres. They did improve, but not quick enough to salvage the season, which was dissappointing. But at least this years growth lays a solid foundation upon which to build for next year.

Two for Janet Koy! The Lady Vikings were able to score fairly well, it was just that our defense was no match against some of the heavy offenses of our opponents.

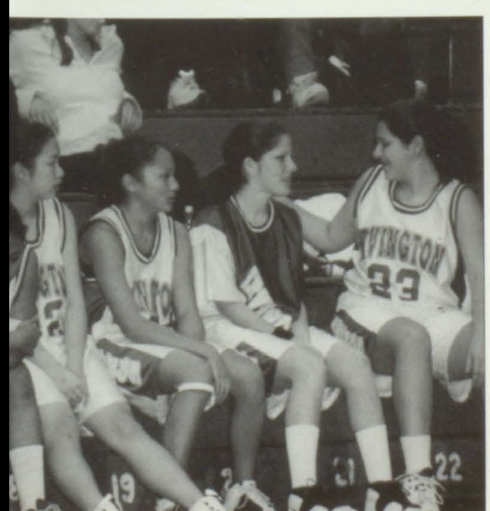
Surrounded by hostile Monarchs, Danielle Gruchow struggles to pass to a waiting teammate. The preseason games were especially grueling for the Lady Vikes.



Front Row: Natalie Lee, Jessica Jimenez, Nicole Balblani, April Sablan. 2nd Row: Krystal Phaneuf, Natalie Garcia, Tiffany Lee. Back Row: Coach Sharon Hicks, Kristine Scoles, Pam Michaely, Danielle Hitchcock, Sarena Ayres, Coach Liz Lee.



Front Row: Jackie Nguyen, Sarah Coelho, Katie Maria, Trisha Abad, Lydia Yang. 2nd Row: Arina Ivanova, Ruth Mejia, Susanna Tuan, Krupa Andalkar, Janet Koy, Krishelle Torres. Back Row: Kim Colliss, Danielle Gruchow, Coach Jaime Richards, Amanda Robison, Christy Baird.



Kim Colliss, Lydia Yang, Trisha Abad, Katie Maria, and Krishelle Torres eagerly await the outcome of the close game against American. This loss, by only two points, was harder to bear than the ones with larger margins.

Dodging a Yerba Buena guard, Ruth Mejia heads downcourt to score two points. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to score a victory.

SCOREBOARD

Mission	L	L	
American	L	W	L
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Washington	L	L	L
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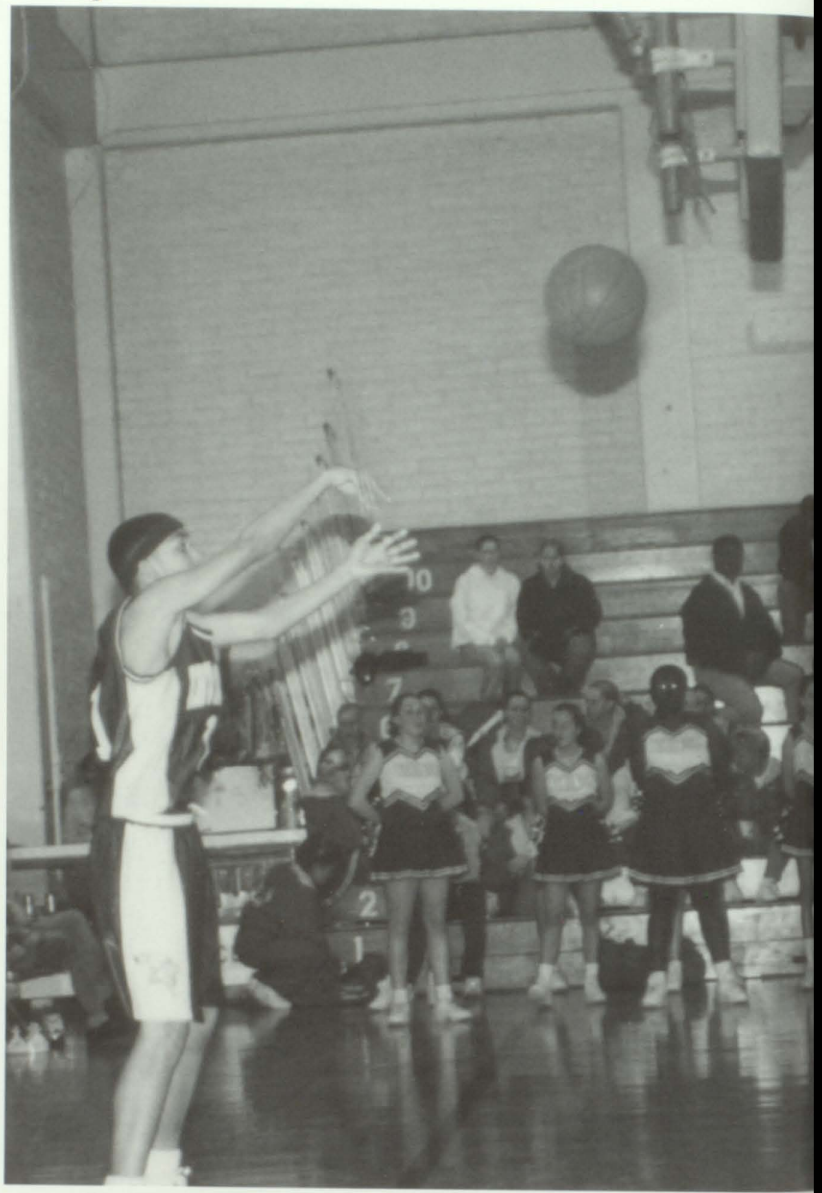
By Mark Reynolds

It was a tough season for the boys basketball teams. The varsity team was made up of seven juniors and five seniors, only two of which whom, Dustin Kircher and James Batten, were returning from last season. Although they only won one out of their twenty games, their determination and team effort were staggering. Junior Angelo Siu Toung said, 'Winning the games wasn't important. The important thing was that we all tried our hardest and learned from our mistakes.'

Although the Vikings did not win as many games as they had hoped, each player helped to make the team stronger as a whole.

James Marrero-Johnson tosses the ball back in the game after a foul. The Vikings defense had some good plays up their sleeve, but it didn't always help against tough opponents like Kennedy.



SCOREBOARD	
Kennedy	L
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American	W
Newark	W

Reaching high for a free throw, Aldis Rapa scores one for the JV Vikes. Is it the shoes? Yeah, it's the shoes.

Followed closely by a swarm of Titans, Zaman Virani weaves across the court as Kenny Juenger guards his back. Good defense is the key to a successful offense.

BOYS BASKETBALL

A quick pep talk at halftime rejuvenates the JV Vikes for a a win against American. It doesn't hurt to be playing on their home turf, either.

James Batten guards Zaman Virani as he searches for an opening to shoot and score.

Front Row: Chris Smith, Adam Carigan, Jonathan Aquino, Eric Yoshimura, Kevin Patrick. 2nd Row: Moises Maciel, Tim Gerber, Haris Ashraf, Chris Randolph, Kalani Kalawaia. Back Row: Coach Joseph Azevada, Karist Moss, Coach Matt Boelter, Andrew Rojas, Derek Hallet, Coach Nima Khanghahi.

Front Row: Anthony Burnett, James Liu, James Marrero-Johnson, Trinity Peterson, Frankie Remeneski. Back Row: Coach Scott Gemeiner, Steven Burks, Josh Blandino, Aldis Rapa, Mohammed Tantoush, Quincy Stokelin, Coach Joey Shreffler.

Front Row: Angelo Siu Toung, Josh Stone, Adolfo Longoria, Chad Spangler. 2nd Row: Robin Basra, Jimmy Mattar, James Batten, Dustin Kircher, Jacob Stone. Back Row: Coach Don Azevada, Coach Stone, Chris Robison, Kenny Juenger, Zaman Virani, Coach Mike Thompson.

Dodging an opponent's block, Josh Blandino reconsiders how to get the ball to the net. 6 AM practices tested the dedication of many players during this difficult year.

Riding high on her teammates shoulders, Amber Lutes raises her arms confident in their solid support and her own sense of balance.

CHEERLEADING

By Mark Reynolds

Short skirts and high kicks...that's what most people think of when they hear the word 'cheerleading.' Some people may not consider it a 'real' sport, just a bunch of girls showing off their panties.

Well, guess what? They are SO wrong!

Cheerleading is a strenuous physical activity that requires years of dedicated practice, intense mental focus, and phenomenon muscle control to do properly. You try throwing a 110 pound girl into the air, catching her firmly by an outstretched limb and then locking your arm into a solid platform on which she can stand.

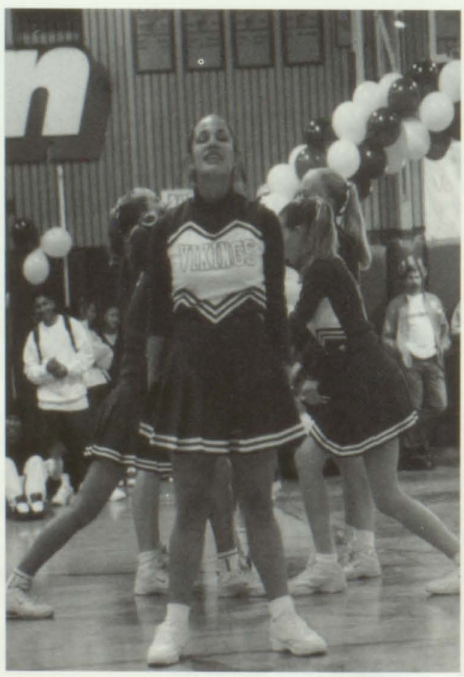
Or better yet, trying BEING that 110 pound girl.

It's not easy. But then again, nothing worth doing is.

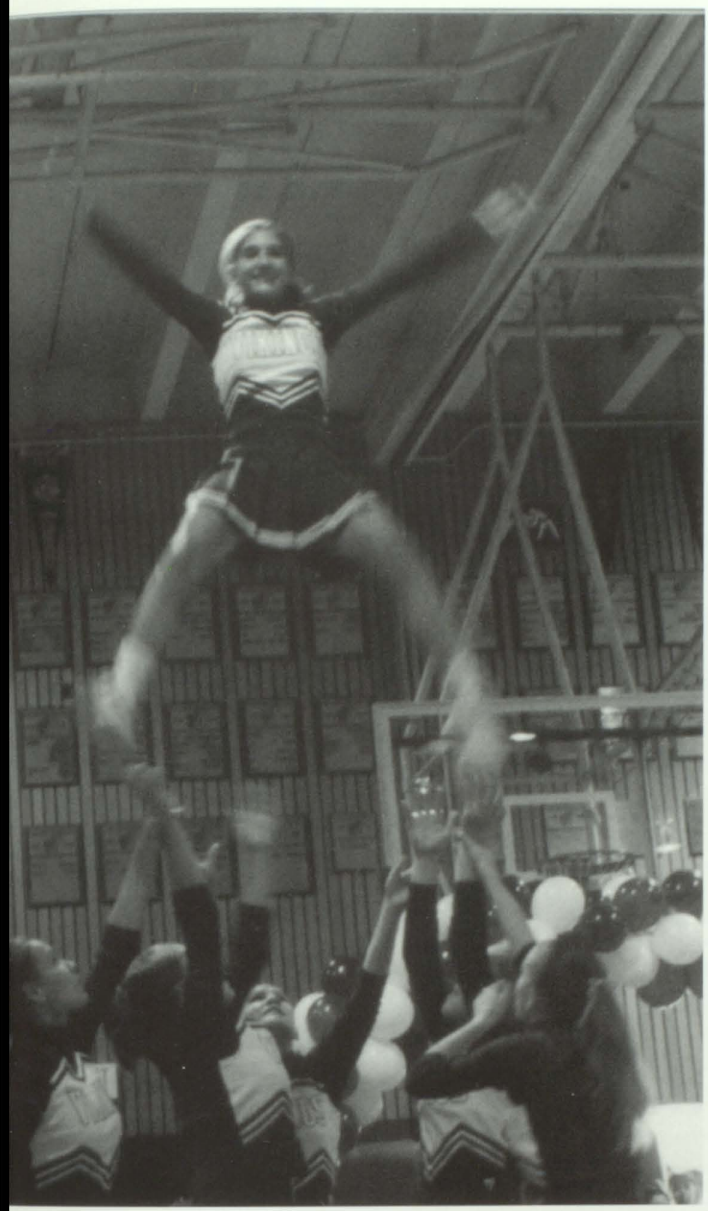
On top of the sheer physical requirement of this overlooked sport, there is a serious competitive component as well. There are national contests and rankings for cheer squads for they are judged on the strenuousness and intricacy of their routines.

And finally, consider what sports would be without cheerleaders to keep fans motivated, entertained and hyped up. It's no wonder that they embody the spirit of a school.

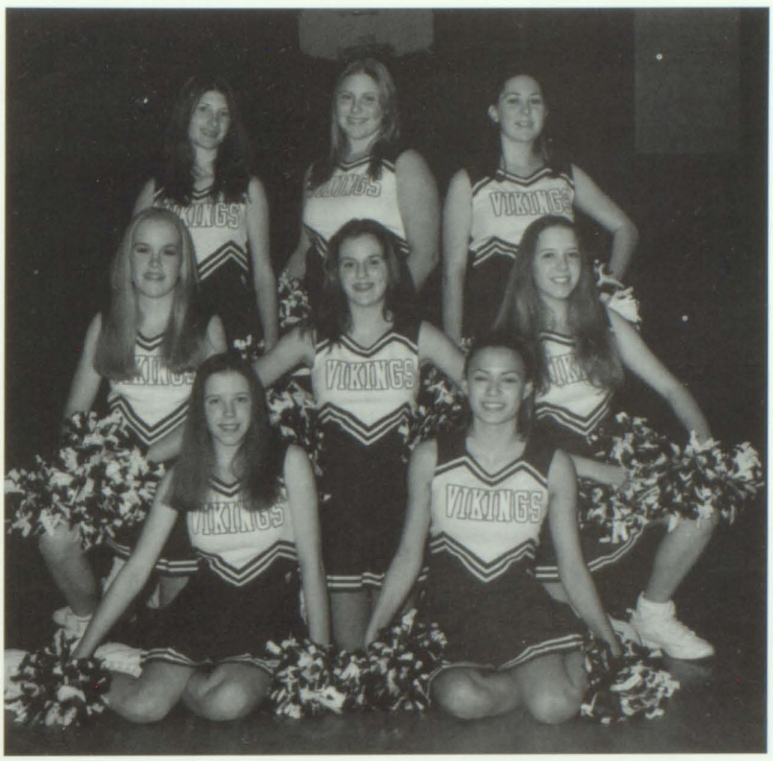
Fronting another precise cheer, Melissa Mendez keeps the crowd focused while the rest of her squad prepares to lift one of their own high in the air. Although cheerleaders may seem delicate and feminine, the strength and conditioning required to perform these stunts is equal to that of any macho contact sport.



Ashley Hamic and Amber Lutes strut their stuff to the beat. In addition to intense acrobatic displays, the cheer squad also does dance routines.

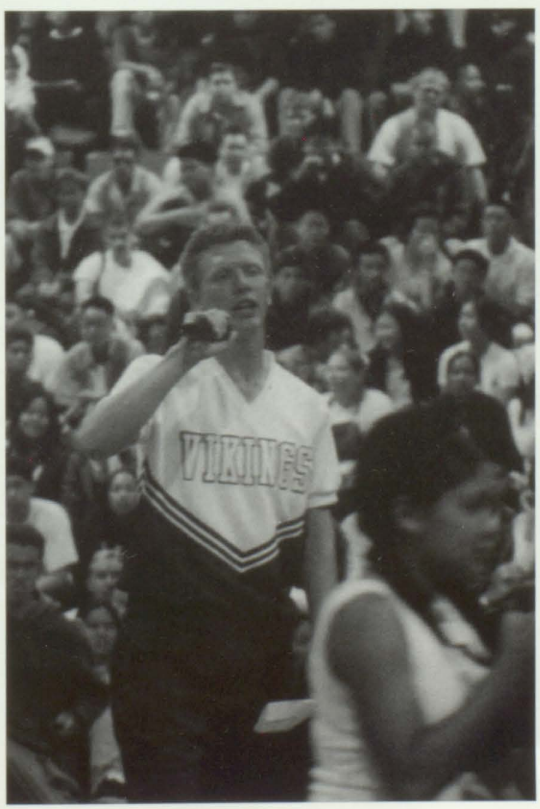


Flying through the air with the greatest of ease, Astraea Jager's trust in her teammates is solid. These aerial routines require hours of practice, preparation, and prayer.



Front Row: Lisa Stoorza, Marissa Calderon. 2nd Row: Candiss Miller, Jennifer Nowell, Jillian Stoorza. Back Row: Astraea Jager, Diane Torres, Cassandra Osegueda.

Front Row: Aimee Barry, Alisha Samford, Crystal Green, Krystle Sheldon, Melissa Mendez. 2nd Row: Andrew Ames. Back Row: Senchal Burks, Jessica Samford, Amber Lutes, Ashley Hamic, Felicia Carlo, Bonnie Valentine, Christin Husbands.



Andrew Ames, the sole studmuffin on the squad, takes the mike to whip up the crowd at the winter sports rally. It's not easy being the only guy in cheer, but the perks are nothing to sneeze at, either.

POPULATION

Mrs. McMahon's sixth period Honors English 10 class listens intently to another of her animated lectures. As this is the first year IHS has offered self-contained honors English classes, this group, and others like it, is breaking new ground.

Looking through the latest batch of photographs, Roger Yuan and Eric McCutcheon keep an eye out for ones that'll work with their spreads. As sophomore and senior editors, respectively, they are responsible for representing their classes in the yearbook.

PEOPLE

What makes Irvington unique? Not the campus, certainly, considering how many other schools have the same layout. Not the classes, since all five of Fremont's high schools now share a common course catalog. Not the furniture, or the textbooks, or even the posters on the walls. No. Irvington is one of a kind because of the people that walk through its hallways.

From an unusally supportive administration to an especially dedicated staff, those who run the school are outstanding in their field. The commitment they've made to Irvington shows through in every extra duty, in all the late nights, in each of the young lives they influence.

The students aren't your typical teenagers, either. In order to survive the rigorous academics, the benchmark projects, and the general experimental atmosphere of the school, these kids need to stay on their toes, be ready for anything. And they are.

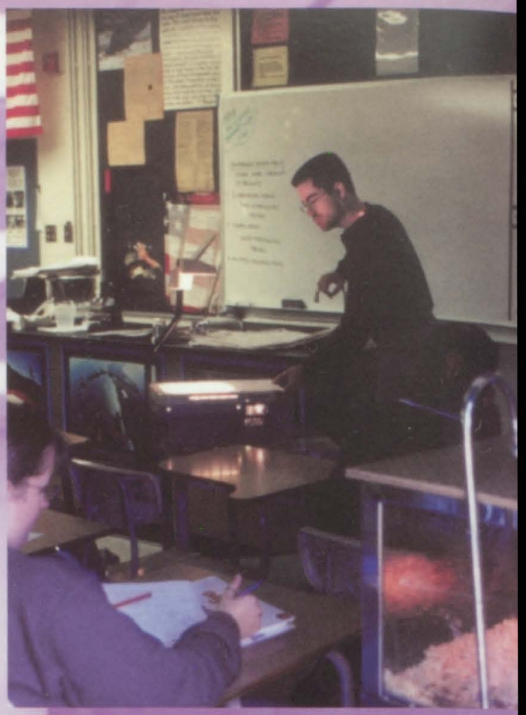
We make IHS the great school that it is, even as it shapes us into the people we will become. Together, we are Irvington High School and it is us. Long live the Viking Spirit!

Perched on Jesus Suarez's shoulders, Shawnna Denos glows on at the Hello Dance. This dance was free to anyone who purchased an ASB sticker.

Poring over their index cards at lunch, Kelsey Roldan, Megan Gailey, Hannah Steadman, and Lindsey Groves cram a few more facts into their brains in preparation for another exam. Cooperative learning is stressed at IHS, and these girls are taking full advantage of that to socialize while they learn.

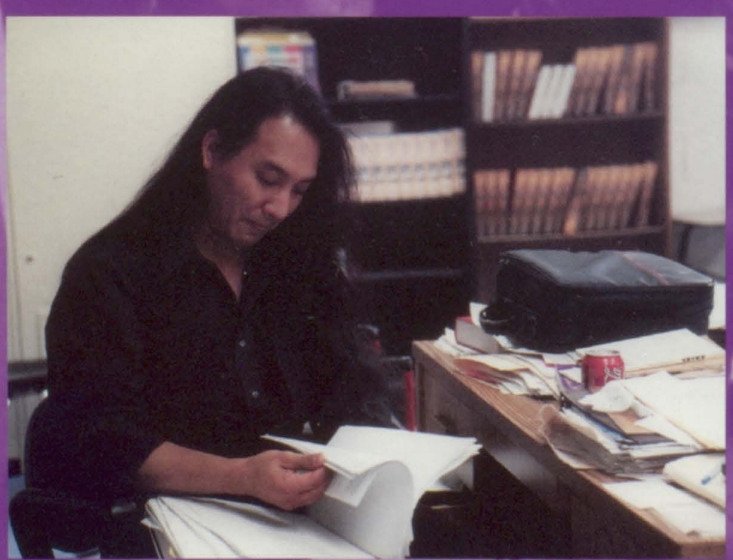
INSPIRATION

Art teacher and new dad, Mr. Bob Moran, supervises the bustling activity in his Ohlone art class. This course offers IHS students the opportunity to earn community college credit while attending classes on their high school campus.



Science guru, Mr. Dan Pearce, goes over concepts on the overhead with his Enviromental Science class. Intensive notetaking and hands-on activities make this a full and complex course for freshmen.

Mr. Gene Jun, the Rockstar English teacher, takes advantage of his prep time to go over some student essays. Block schedules are great in most ways, but on days when teachers have no prep periods, it's hard for them to get any grading or paperwork done.



FACULTY

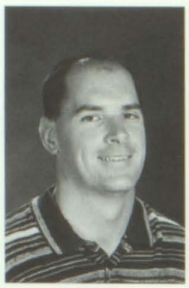
Teaching is a noble profession...thats what people say, anyway. But most teachers don't do it to be noble, they do it because they love it. Think about it, would nobility make up for the low pay, long hours and general stress of teaching? Of course not! Its the excitement of a busy classroom, the chance to connect with young minds, the thrill of a successful activity that makes it all worthwhile.

Irvington teachers are an exceptional lot, but they couldn't do the job they do without the support of all the folks in the front office, the back rooms, and the supply closets. Our administration, counseling, clerical and support staffs are also the best Fremont Unified has to offer. From the principals to the cafeteria ladies to the night custodians, everyone does their part to make the school run smoothly. Whatever their jobs, they all have one common goal...helping students learn.

Groupwork is at the heart of Mrs. Acha Pathania's math classes. Here, she takes a few minutes to explain a concept in greater detail for Thea Blumeno and Jamie James during her sixth period Applied Math 1.

Who's the Boss?

By Rachel Hillman



Greg Bailey

Karen De Baca Martins

Dave Howell

Pete Murchison

Mr. Bob Franco discusses a student's options with a parent in his comfy office. IHS counselors have their work cut out for them, keeping students on track and helping demotes find ways to make up lost units.

The administration and clerical staff at Irvington High School are the glue that holds this place together. The principal is like the coach of a basketball team, with the vice and assistant principals acting as captains. The couselors are the defense, helping out and protecting the students so they can accomplish their goals. The attendance clerks are like the wings watching over us, and the secretaries are the offensive players, making things happen. Together, they play the game of education, and they play to win.

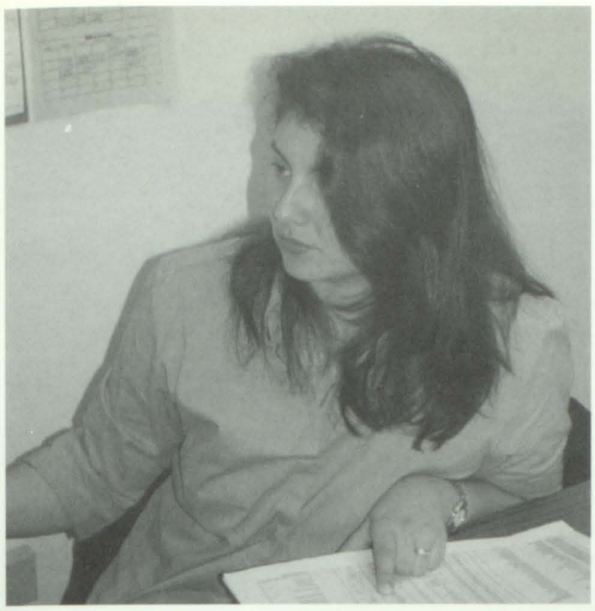
What does this Dream Team do on the court? Mrs. Sharon Flores, the school clerk, takes care of the subsitute teachers, works with vice principal, Mr. Dave Howell, to assign student schedules, and makes ID Cards, among other things. Mr. Bob Franco, the P-Z guidance counselor, meets with students and parents when they have problems. Mrs. JoAnn Stooksberry, the P-Z attendance clerk, helps kids when they are sick or are having a personal problem. It is so challenging and never dull, she says. After all, a day on the court is never boring!

Robert Franco

Veronica Serrano

William Stull

Leticia Velazco



Ms. Veronica Serrano enters schedule changes into her computer after a long day of counseling students. As the ninth grade transition counselor, she moves between IHS and Horner Junior High, helping incoming students adjust to high school life.

Registrar Mrs. Cindy Lankford consults with the district office about a student's enrollment forms. Irvington welcomes interdistrict transfers from other high schools, diversity is our greatest strength.

Paula Bottenberg
Sharon Flores

Kathy Gygax
Carol Hancock

Cathy Hoyt
Cindy Lankford

Violeta Nunn
Lorna Powell

H-O attendance secretary, Ms. Sueann Ramos, looks up an absent student's picture in the directory. Keeping track of nearly 600 students is no easy task, it's a good thing our attendance clerks enjoy their jobs.

Even during a quiet moment in her office, AP Karen De Baca Martens stays on top of campus activities through her trusty radio. Learning to listen to the incessant broadcasts is a crucial administrative skill.

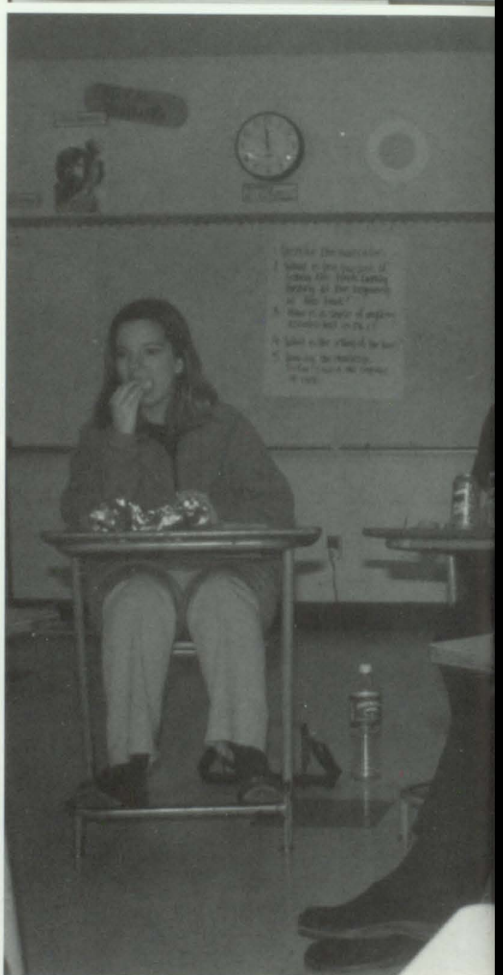
Sueann Ramos
Deborah Rogers
Joann Stooksberry
Carol Zmolek

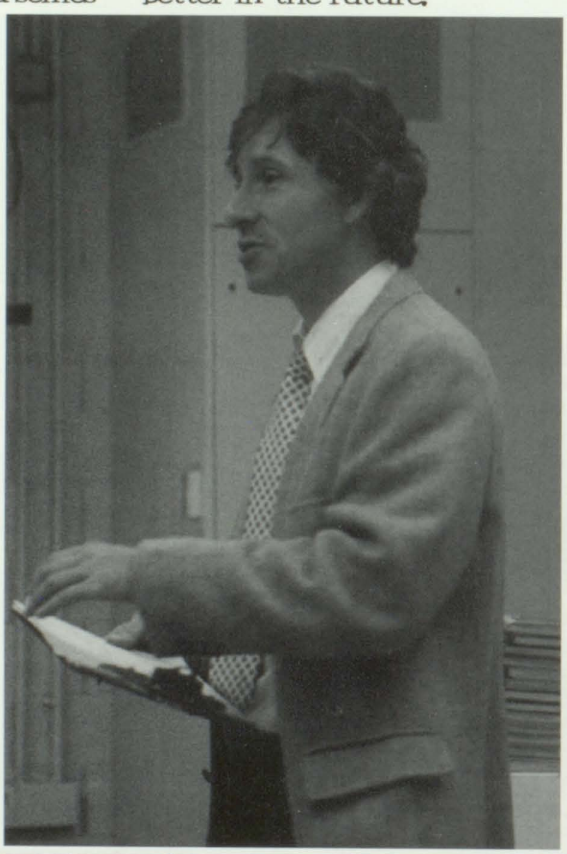
The Writing's on the Wall

By Susanna Tuan

The largest department on campus, English teachers have their work cut out for them. Being the only subject required for all four years of high school means that they are constantly dealing with the issue of standards and students who resist (or resent) instruction. In the 2000-2001 school year, English had ten new teachers out of fourteen. One position was not filled until almost October, and two teachers left at the beginning of the second semester. These disruptions were not only hard on students, but on the teachers as well.

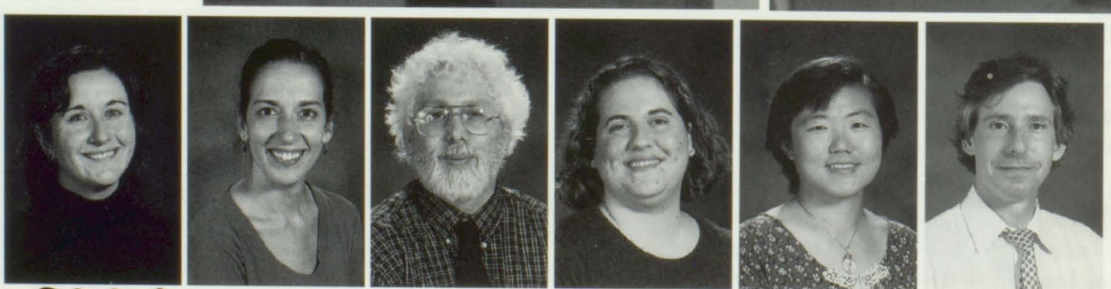
With so many new teachers, with new ideas and teaching styles, there was a lot of experimentation and upheaval, but these difficulties only strengthened the department. Through the many SSLIP training sessions, department meetings and Socratic seminars, English teachers got to know each other and forged new bonds that will only help them work better in the future.





Decked out in his trademark tweed sportscoat, Mr. Jay Lale delivers yet another rousing lecture to his AP English class. If he looks tired, it's because he's commuting down from Sonoma every morning.

Ms. Luann Brazill, Ms. Sharon McMahon, Ms. Liz Ernst, and Ms. Julie Samrick enjoy a lunchtime discussion about Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible* in room 31. The Irvington Women's Book Club meets once a month to talk about books and the joys of teaching English at IHS.



Belinda Brackett
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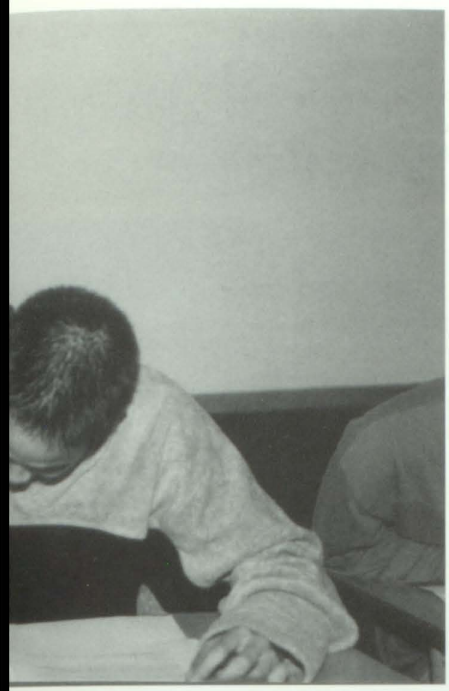
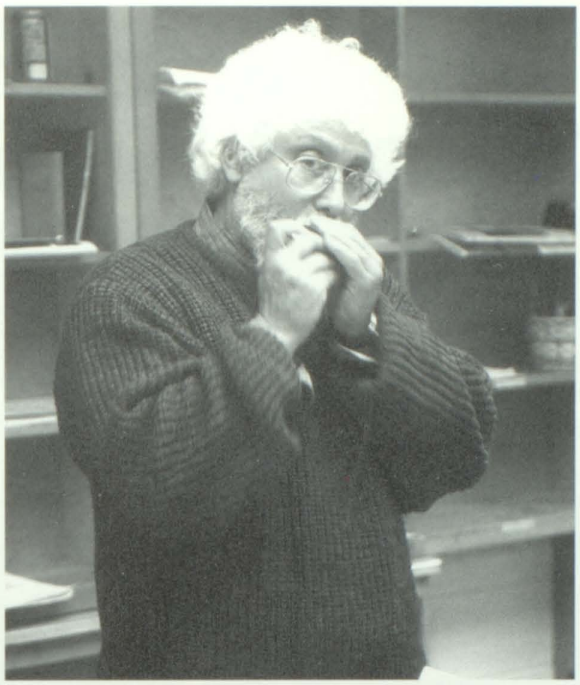
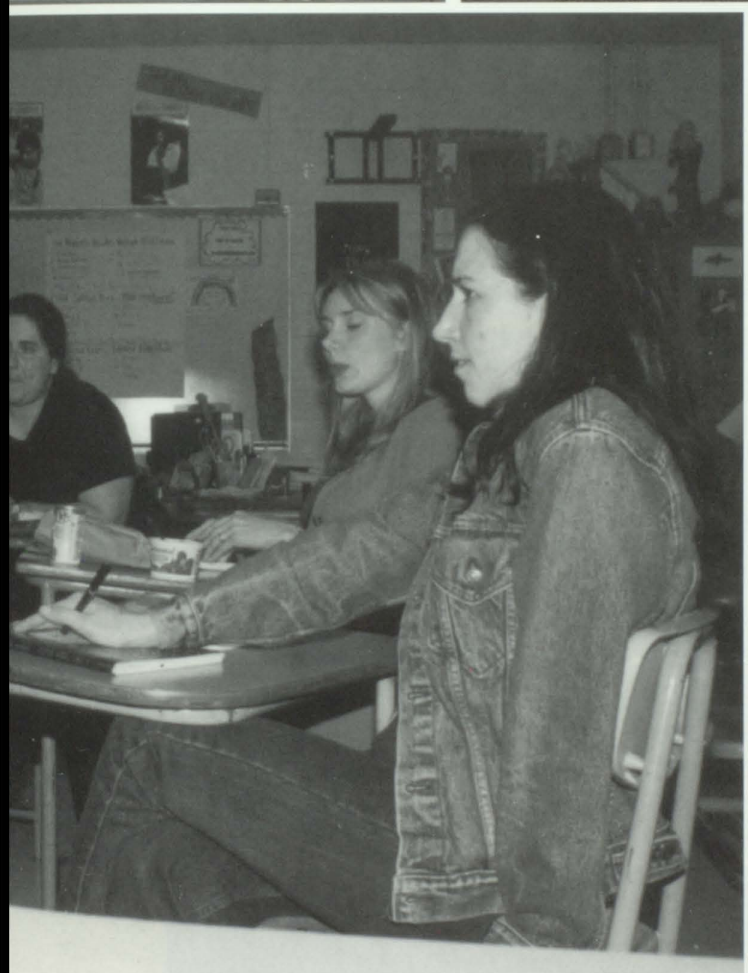


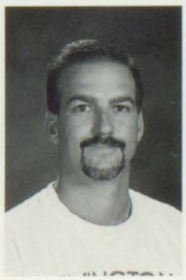


Motivation is Ms. Vicki Sargent's strength. Her students respond well to her playful, inspirational approach.

"Now what?" Mr. Marek Breiger finds his quiet lunchtime interrupted by yet another student request. At least all we wanted him to do was hold still for the camera.

With eyes in the back of her head, Ms. Belinda Brackett knows her freshmen are on task. As department chair, she has her hands full, disciplinary issues are dealt with swiftly and surely.





Sharon McMahon
Jaime Richards
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Daniel Sipsy
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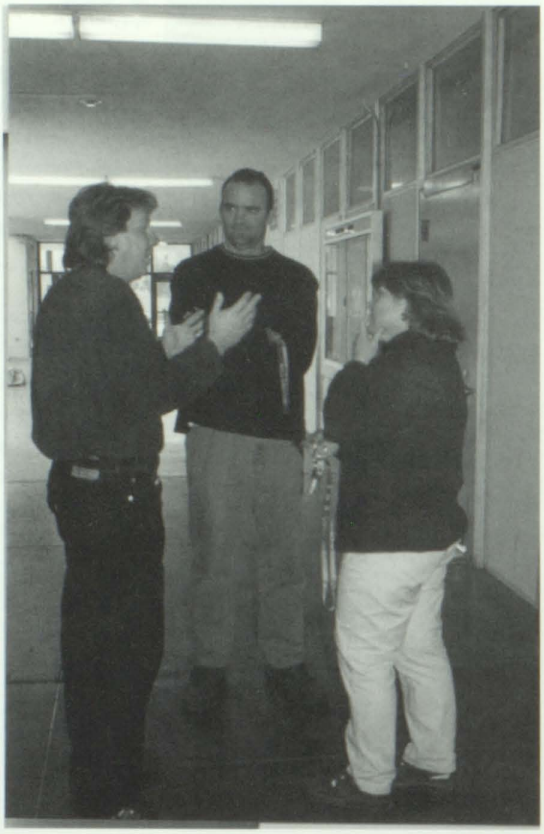
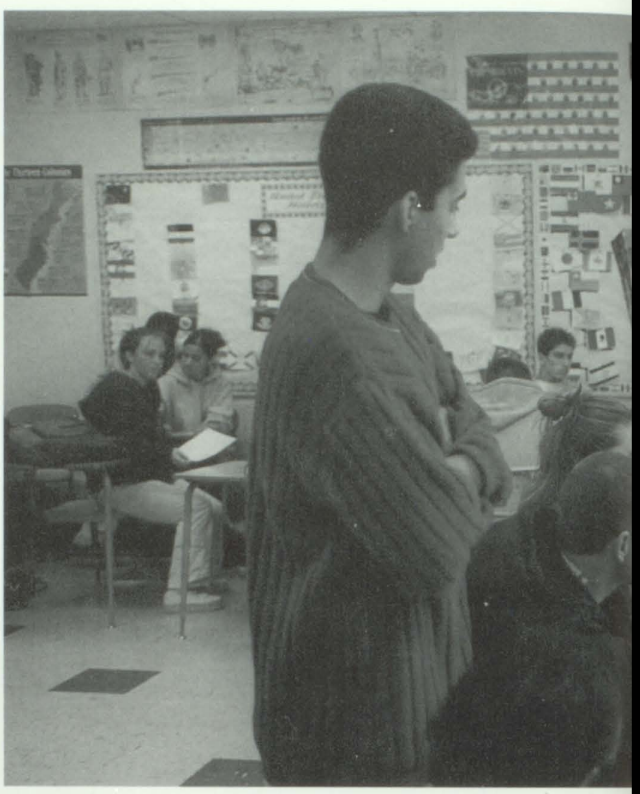
Mr. Don Azevada (IHS '95) supervises a circle discussion in his American History class. As usual, his walls are plastered with colorful student work from their many projects as well as his treasured basketball posters.



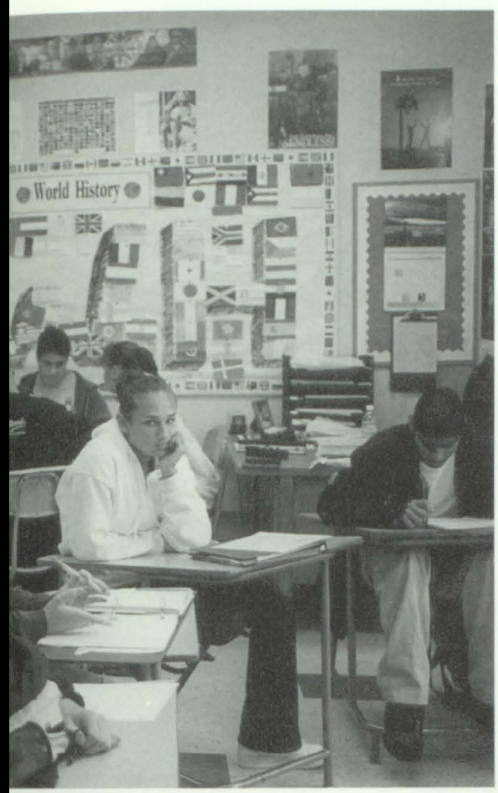


Mr. Scott Lewis, Mr. Nate Ivy and Ms. Cheryl Cook-Kallio talk over a departmental issue during a chance encounter in the hall. IHS teachers are always running off to meetings, it's nice when spontaneous discussions arise when you least expect it.

Grading papers can be a bit tedious, but Mr. Greg Carnavero enjoys the opportunity to read what his students are thinking. Here, he enters grades into the computer after assessing another batch of essays.

Don Azevada
Deb Bowers-Ivey
Cheryl Cook-Kallio
Nate Ivy
Julie Johnson

Around the World in 180 Days

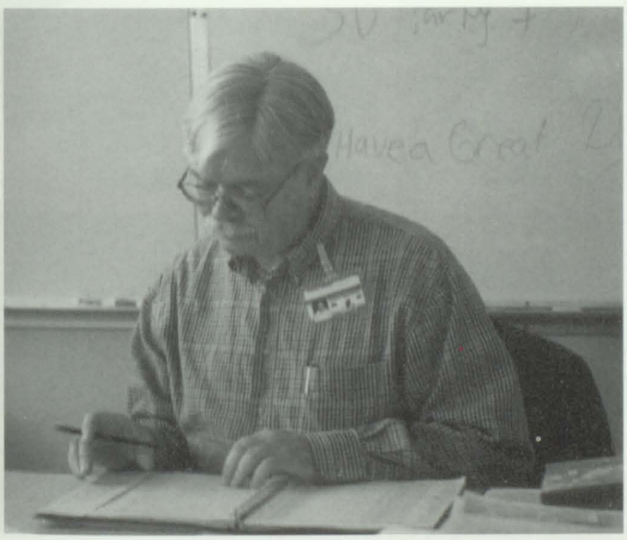


By Rachel Hillman

The Social Studies department is filled with US History teachers, World History teachers, and Government teachers, as well as Psychology and Geography teachers. This diverse department houses some of the most interesting subjects.

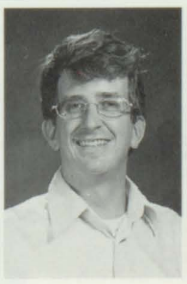
World History, a requirement for tenth graders, teaches students about feudalism, wars, and other world topics. Mr. Shadduck, who teaches World History as well as Geography, starts with the beginning of the book and works his way through, while other teachers skip around in different time periods. Mrs. Bowers-Ivey, on the other hand, starts with environmental problems, then the Industrial Revolution, followed by feudalism. Why in that order? Mrs. Bowers-Ivey teaches her class thematically, meaning that she teaches the themes in a specific order.

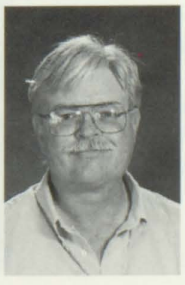
Mrs. Cook-Kallio, who is in her first year at teaching at Irvington, says that in the beginning of the year for U.S. History there is some review of what students were supposed to learn in 8th grade, and then she moves on from where the 8th grade teachers were supposed to have left off.



During a lull in his Government class, Mr. Tony Weganka takes a moment to update his attendance book. Taking over for Mr. Joseph Spinetta in September wasn't easy, but his lively stories and lectures soon won his students over.

Department chair Ms.Deb Bowers-Ivey pores over her roll book, matching students up into UN groups. It's important for 10th grade teachers to know their students well so they can assemble strong, functional groups for the benchmark project.





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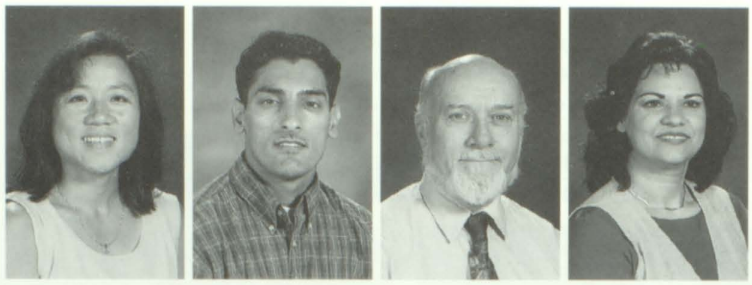
James Norton
Asha Pathania

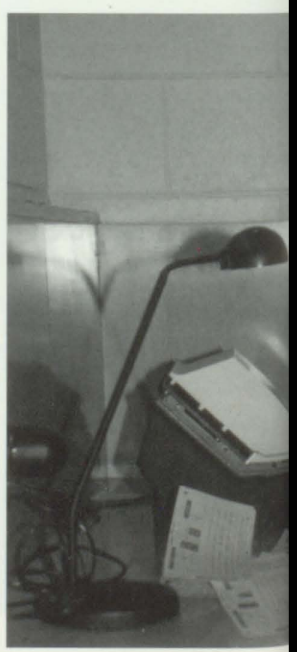


by Anita Subrahmanyam

Math is an incredibly hard subject to learn, and even a harder subject to teach. People are always at different levels, know different things, and the information is very broad. So why would someone decide to teach Math? For Mr. Norton, a new Math teacher to IHS, it was not too difficult a decision. 'I loved math, and it was the only thing I was good at that excited me,' he says. Also, for Mr. Norton, being a Math teacher is very worthwhile. His favorite part of teaching Math is 'watching the kids get excited, struggle with the dtuff, and succeed—watching the light bulbs come on in their heads.' As you can see, Math can be exciting and worthwhile.

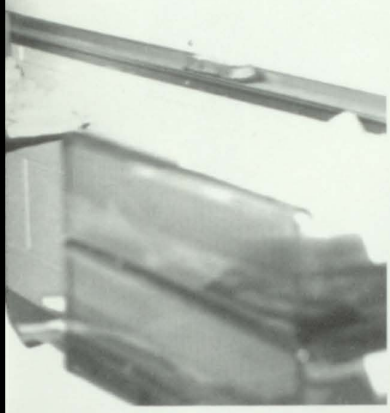
Mr. Ray Spooner goes over a word problem with Matt Hanson while Chris Baugh putters on the classroom computer. As you can see from their expressions, this math teacher makes number crunching fun

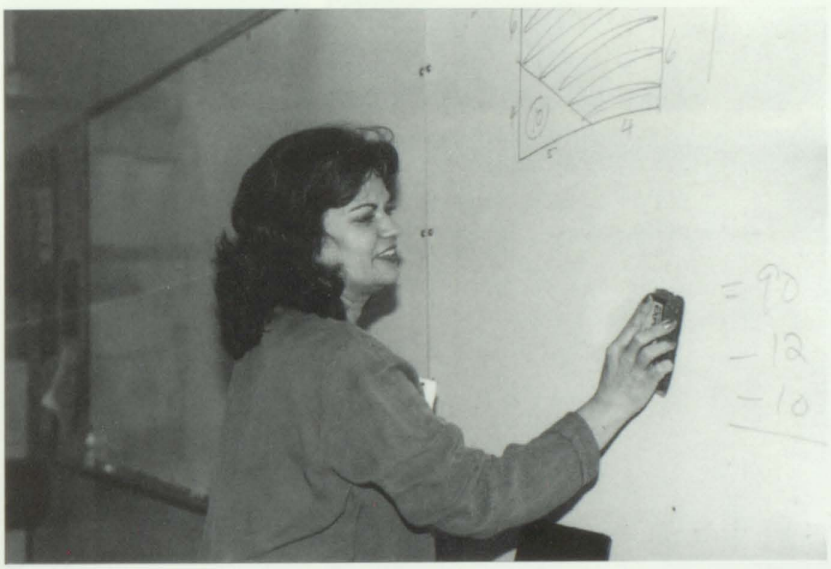
Who is Ms. Rothfuss's teacher's pet? Her snake! Showing her 6th period class how to hold a snake was just a little off topic from her Math lecture, but her students enjoyed it. It looks like her snake enjoyed it, too.



Beth Rothfuss
Ray Spooner
Chun Tai
Michael Thompson
Debbie Yan

The fashion show is in ten minutes. "Do you think I'll win?" Mr. Norton asks his class. With that authentic Irish kilt, of course he'll win.



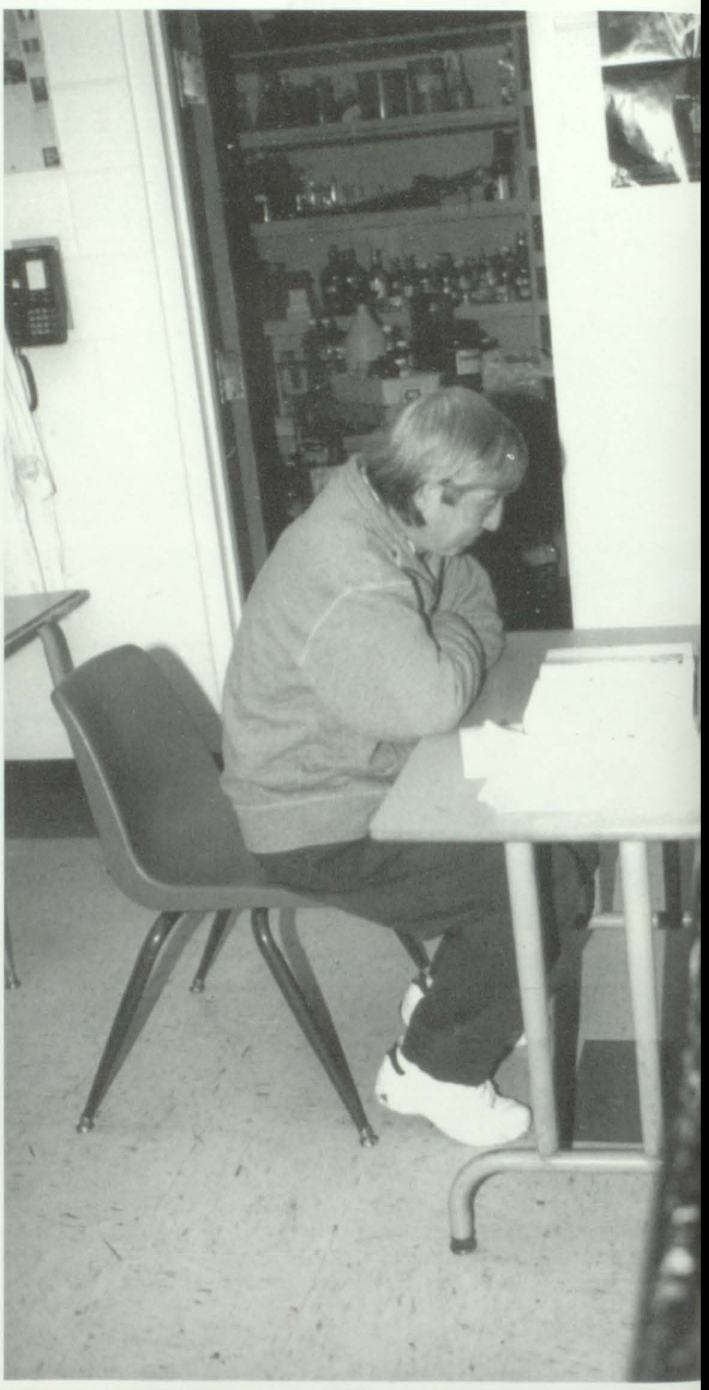


Ms. Asha Pathania is extremely happy with the spanking clean whiteboards in her newly renovated room. While the T-wing accomodations were pleasant enough, there's nothing like having your own classroom in the main building, close to all the amenities.

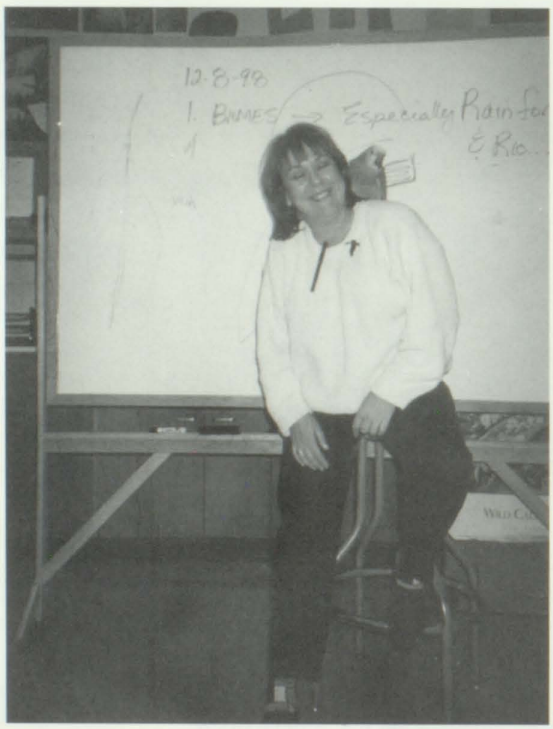
Scantron fever! Ms. Chun Tai makes use of our zippy scantron machine, a godsend to harried teachers everywhere. Too bad you can't send essays through a machine like that!

Mr. Seiji Kawamura goes over his teacher's edition as he preps a lesson for Physics. The high level science classes are hard on teachers as well as students.

"I need help!" Alex Leung, an AP Biology student, asks Mrs. Sharon Ceresa for clarification on a concept. This dedicated and demanding teacher is always there when you need her.



When her class was learning about the rain forest biome, Ms. Frechou brought in her pet bird, Rio, to help her class understand about the animals in the rain forest.



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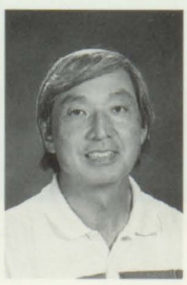
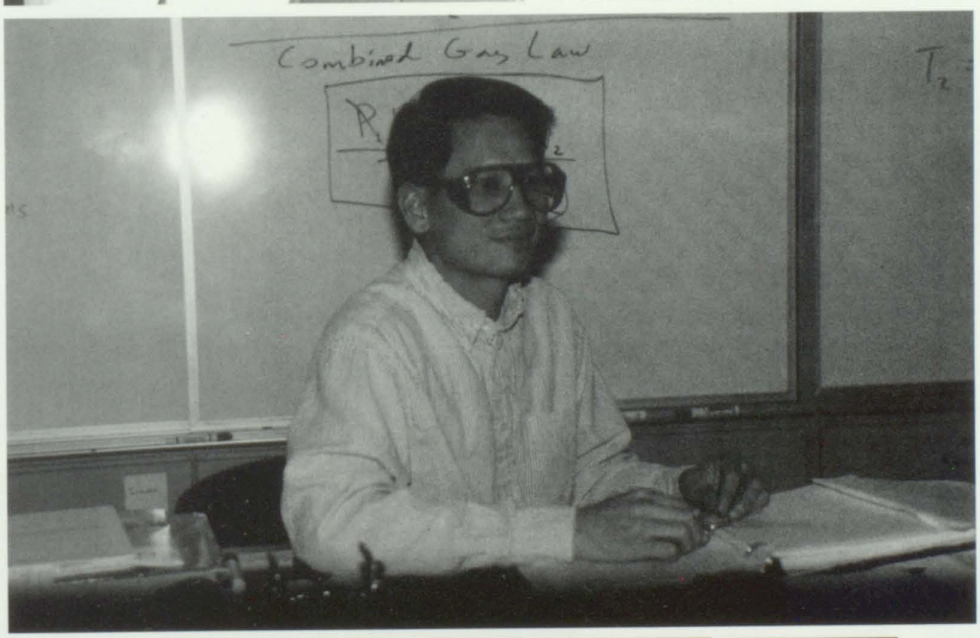


Method to Our Madness

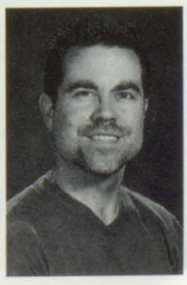
By Rachel Hillman

The science department boast ten of the most energetic teachers on campus. IHS veterans, Mr. Seiji Kawamura, Ms. Sharon Ceresa, and Ms. Jeannette Frechou, are all involved in various aspects of Irvtown organization such as benchmark development and New American High School. Mr. K has been at Irvington since '81 and he is planning to retire at the end of this year. Mr Sanford is the newest addition, he came to IHS in October after being a Marine Biologist for the Federal Government for 24 years. He jokes, 'I wanted to became a teacher so that Id have a captive audience for my photographs.' Ms. Ceresa comments 'We are, without a doubt, the best department on campus because we are awesome in the Faculty Follies!' Can't argue with that.

Ever wonder who Ms. Moore's teacher's pet was? No, it's not one of her students, it's her pet corn snake!



When was the last time you updated your prescription? Mr. Alex Lee demonstrates the value of protective eyewear in a Chemistry class.



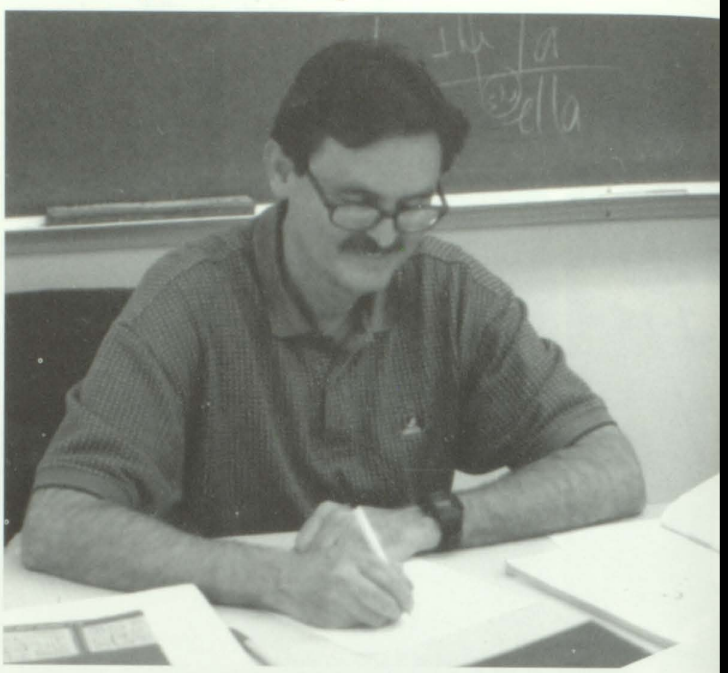
Alex Lee
Heidi Moore
Kim Nguyen
Dan Pearce
Stacey Tisor-Wallace

By Anita Subrahmanyam
and Rachel Hillman

Learning a foreign language is a pretty difficult task, teaching it is even harder. Try explaining the rules of English to a non-native speaker. The grammar and pronunciation rules that we take for granted are hard to get across to someone who doesn't know anything about them.

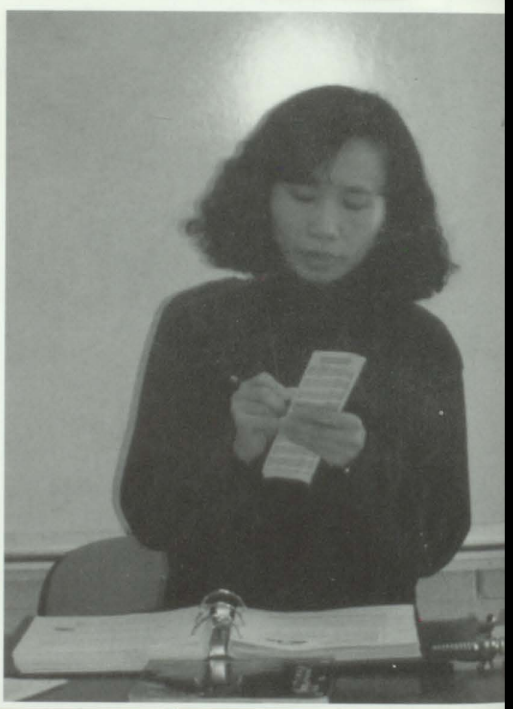
Take Ms. Debbie Yan, for instance. She has to teach Mandarin to a variety of students who may have not known a single word of Mandarin before stepping into her class. I want to help students, Ms. Yan says. Irvington has only recently begun offering Mandarin, in addition to French and Spanish. Another new language option is American Sign Language, which is only available zero period.

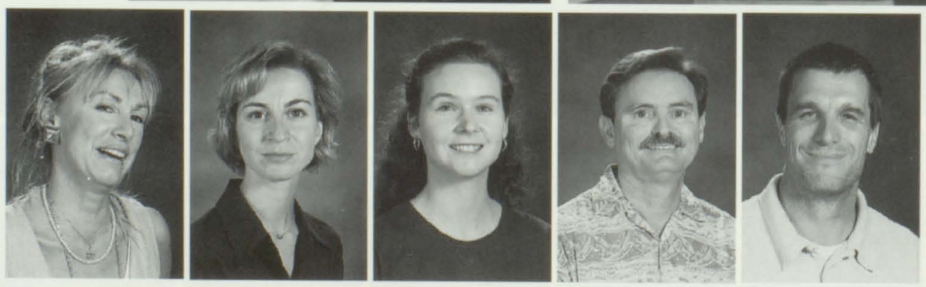
Study diligently! Mr. Dave Marshall, who teaches five levels of Spanish, grades test for his AP students. His hard work will be vindicated when they ace the AP Spanish exam in May.



Where did I put that film? Ms. Karoline Anderson packs up her materials at the end of her short, but full, day. Even though she only teaches two periods, she has three levels of French to cover.

Scanner time! Ms. Debbie Yan checks her attendance while her Mandarin students are busy with a warm-up activity. Her day is jam-packed, with three math classes and two Mandarin classes covering a total of four different levels. Whew!





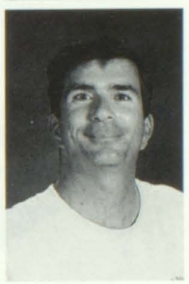
Karoline Anderson
Valerie Hodin
Ann-Marie Knebel
David Marshall
Doug Schubert

Speaking in Tongues

Sing the Body Electric

Nels Larsen

Bill Sinnott



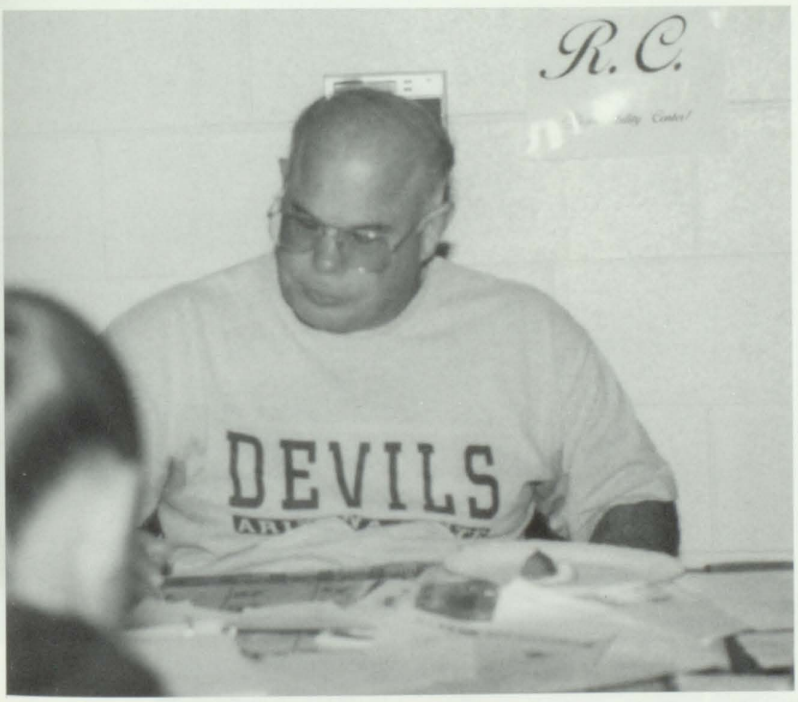
Steve Strout

By Anita Subrahmanyam & Rachel Hillman

Students sweat a lot in P.E. classes. They complain about running the Boom. They try to cheat on their jumping jacks. And when it's time to swim, they whine about how cold the pool is. So why would anyone want to be a P.E. teacher?

I decided to teach P.E. because I feel that there are a lot of life lessons one can learn through participating in sports and physical activity,' Mr. Steve Strout says. He must really like it, since he also coaches tennis and badminton. Mr. Nels Larsen adds, 'I really enjoy interacting with the students and providing an environment in which students can learn and exercise.'

These dedicated and hard-working people have to put up with a lot of complaints from lethargic students. But teaching young people to develop healthy habits and an awareness of their bodies is an invaluable service to the community. Besides, they have fun on the job.



Go Devils! Mr. Fern, sporting an Arizona State shirt, deals with paperwork for the P.E. department while watching over the Responsibility Center.

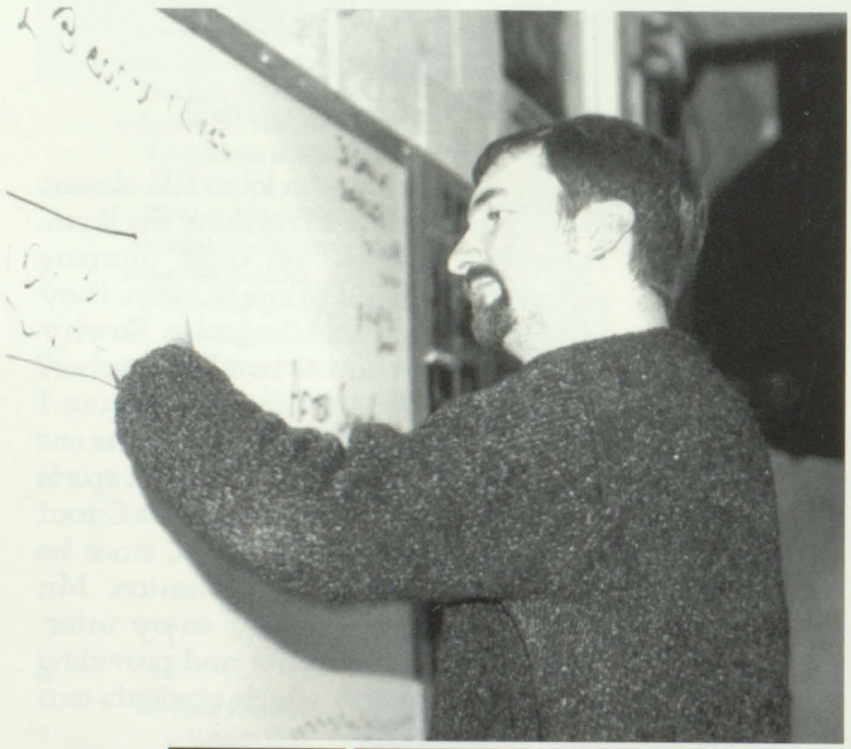
Teaching one subject is hard enough. Teaching two variations of that subject is even harder. But for Ms. Julie Meyers, teaching in three different departments as well as being in charge of clubs and activities at Irvington keeps her busy all the time.

Life Imitating Art Imitating Life

Hands on demonstrations, as opposed to textbook descriptions, are one of the attractions of art classes. Ms. Susan Pate shows her students the correct technique for drawing a tree.

Mr. Jon Nagel uses the whiteboard to illustrate his point. His drama classes are full of freshmen, eager for the thrill of the theater.

Although she was only here full time for the first semester, Ms. Kate Denis made quite an impression on her art students. Her distinctive style engaged them and inspired some knockout pieces, as the displays in the front office showed.



Kate Denis
Lee Glover
Linda Jackson
Bob Moran
Jon Nagel
Mary Roman

Imitating Art Imitating Life Im

By Anita Subrahmanyam

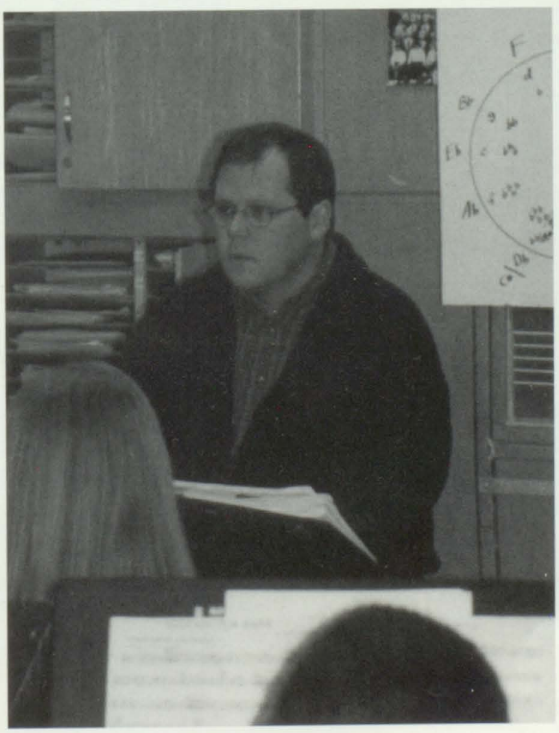
The Fine and Performing Arts departments of IHS are separate but interlinked units within the school. Together, they are the VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) Magnet program, individually, they offer students the chance to explore forms of expression that open their souls to the universe.

Teaching drama classes, directing plays and musicals, choreographing dances, producing school productions, advising BSU (Black Student Union), chairing the Performing Arts Department, and coordinating the Art Reach program makes Ms. Linda Jackson one of the schools busiest staff members. She has been enriching students lives for twenty-six years, and twenty-three of those years have been spent at IHS. Senior Casi Maggio says 'Ms. Jackson is the best teacher at Irvington. She really cares about the students.'

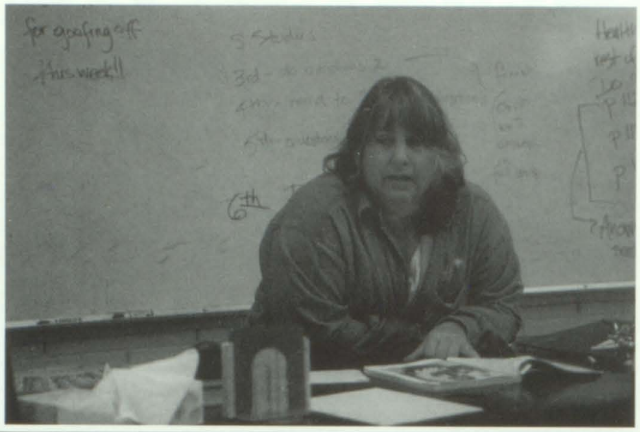
Mr. Bob Moran, head of the Fine Arts Department, teaches the Ohlone Art class among others. IHS students are able to earn college credit and expand their repertoire of techniques with projects like the Dias de la Muertes cut-out posters in the library.

Splitting her time between IHS and MSJ, Ms. Lee Glover is a one-woman music machine. She has led our joint singing ensemble, Thor Throats, for nearly two decades, with amazing results.

Ms. Linda Jackson shows her Advanced Drama students, Ryan Silvera and Anna Winget, how to master the art of jumping onto chairs. Well, there was probably a scene that required this display of athleticism.



Another diligent practice session for the IHS band comes to a close, as Mr. Charlie Rodda reviews his musicians' performance. Mr. Rodda's three periods of Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble constitutes 50% of Irvington's music classes.



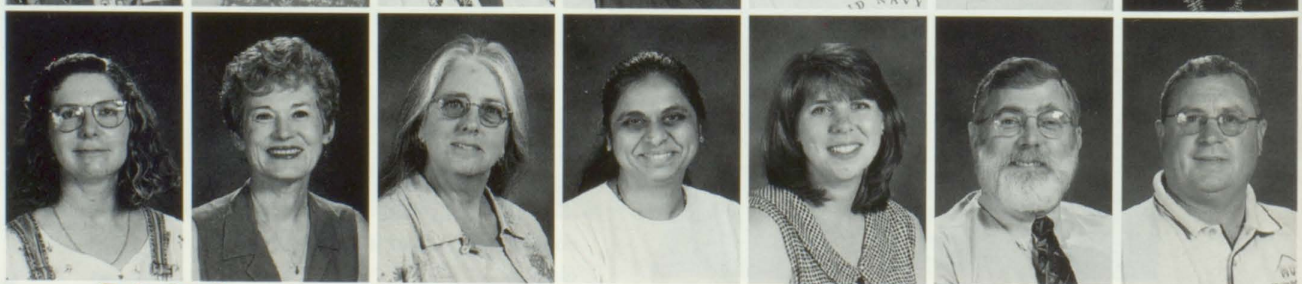
SDC teacher Ms. Eleanor Lemke goes over study skills with her class. Repeated reinforcement of ideas and concepts help these students retain information.

Aides like Ms. Sherry Columbia are invaluable to the Special Ed program because they can spend more time doing things like coloring with students, such as Aisha Roque. The credentialed teachers are often swamped with paperwork, so it's harder for them to relax and get into a routine activity like this one.

Eleanor Ammon
Lorraine Andersen
Jennie Araujo
Michaelle Duphay
Joann Starr-Flanagan

Carol Hancock
Sonia Kahali
Caroline Langfeldt
Eleanor Lemke
Charles Marotta
Josie Mendez
Denise Newell

Kathleen O'Leary
Maureen Pierce
Lorraine Riggio-Schwartz
Rageshree Singh
Heather Smith
Bill Stanley
Harold Whitmore



Ms. Lorraine Andersen works with Annie Seiden and Nick Freeman to develop their language skills. Word games like Scrabble are an integral part of the curriculum.

Daily Specials

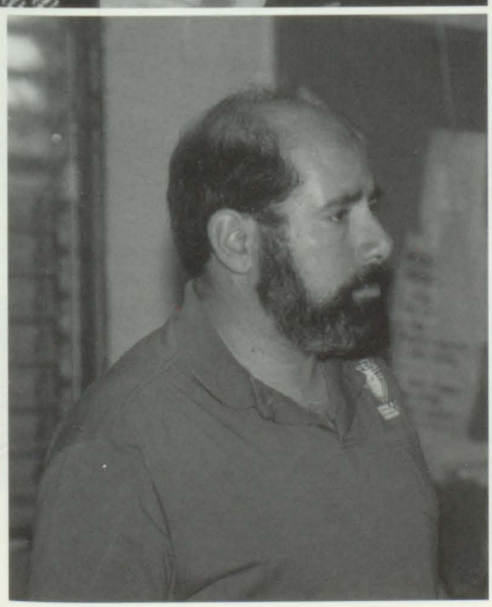
By Rachel Hillman

Although special education serves only a small segment of IHSs student population, it has more adults than any other department. That is special education's greatest strength, they can provide more one-on-one attention to their students, and thus help them learn more than they would if they were dumped in a crowded classroom of 32 kids.

The Special Day Class helps kids who would otherwise not be able to graduate from high school. The small classes and individually paced curriculum gives these students a chance at the same level of education as their peers. The material covered in these classes are essentially the same, the only real difference is the pace and the degree of repetition. Students learn in different ways, so we try to teach them in the way that works for them, says Ms. Eleanor Ammon.

Another important component of the SDC is the focus on reading skills throughout the curriculum. Because language is a major issue for many of these students, using materials from other subjects to reinforce reading comprehension is an effective way of improving their overall ability.

Making hearts for Valentine's Day is lots of fun for everyone, even grown-ups. Ms. Michaelle Duphay uses this art activity to develop fine motor skills



Ms. Lorraine Riggio-Schwartz, Special Ed department chair, soothes a tired student at the end of a long day. Special Ed students can stay in high school until they turn 22.

Mr. Charles Marotta considers the arrangements for a memorial in honor of one of his students. Robert Winn passed away during winter break.

Ready for the Real World

By Rachel Hillman

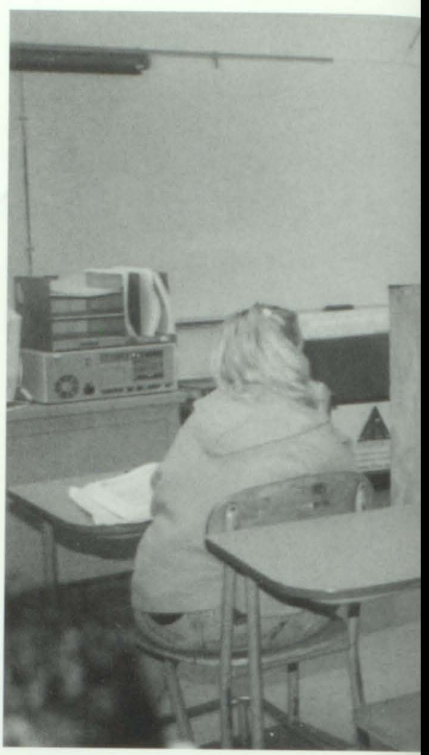
What do the Home Ec, Business, ROP, and Industrial Arts Departments have in common? All of them offer classes for people who want to learn stuff they can actually use in real life.

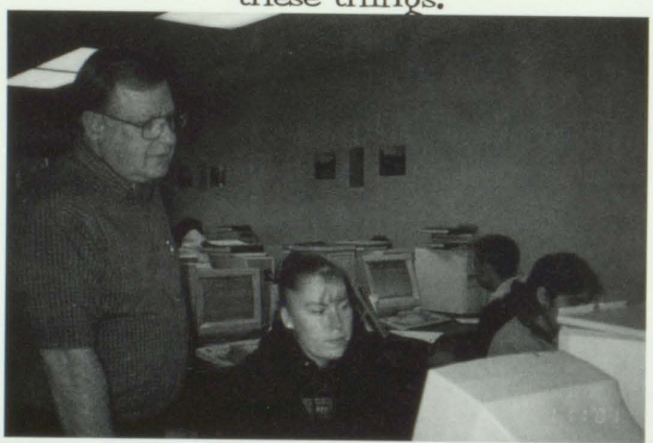
Why would one want to take Home Ec classes? "Why not?" says Ms. Susan Paulsen, AKA Becky Home Eckie, department chair. "You get to learn to cook and sew! And not only girls take the classes, such as Parenting and Family Living.

Business classes help students learn to use technology for the office, such as Word and Excel. They teach students to manage businesses and business software.

ROP classes tend to be offsite. They help students get right into a field of their choice, and they train the students for that particular job.

Industrial Arts, such as wood and electronics, are classes to learn how to make furniture and other items, plus learning how to use the machines needed to make these things.





"So, you just press that key right over there and then presto, you can print it out!" Mr. Arlen Delehoy, part of the Business deparrtment, helps students learn computer applications.

Paul Crockett

Linda Curtis
Arlen Delehoy
Don Harmon
Jackie Hashimoto
Marilyn Herstand
Aubry Kennard
Nelson Lodge

Roger Madsen
Denise Merlin
Julie Myers
Susan Paulsen
Elba Rios
Eileen Tauffer
Robert Zedlitz

Chair of the Industrial Arts department, Mr. Roger Madsen teaches Drafting, a necessary precursor to CAD. "It's important to get a feel for real dimensions before you can effectively map out an object on a computer."

Ms. Denise Merlin shows off her dogs Jasmine and Sunny, and her exotic chinchilla, Cuddles. These pets help her to relax after a long day teaching Merchandising and Marketing and advising DECA.

Matt Delgado asks ROP teacher Ms. Elba Rios to check over his assignment. Teaching Digital Graphics and Web Design in the SmartLab has been a challenge this year, between the construction, lack of heat, and interrupted internet access during the first quarter.

Whistle while you work! Ms. Jackie Hashimoto busies herself with the dishes while her Freshman Foods class cleans up after a cooking session.

Ms. Marilyn Heestand goes over microscope protocol for her ROP Health Careers class. A solid understanding of the technology gives ROP students an advantage in the job market.

By Rachel Hillman

Though most of us don't think much about what they do, the cafeteria, custodial, and support staffs really run this school. Without them, there would be no food at lunch every day, no toilet paper in the stalls, no handouts to recycle, and we'd wade through mountains of trash on our way to class. The little things we take for granted are the direct result of their work.

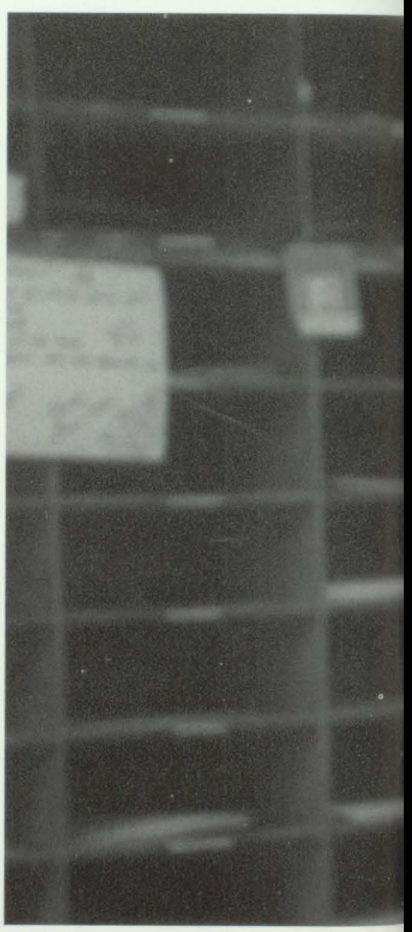
Some students would starve if it weren't for the Irvington cafeteria. Not only do they count on school for a hot lunch, they come for breakfast, too. The variety of foods offered is amazing, there's something for every taste, from pizza to Mexican food to Southern Fried Chicken.

After lunch, the campus often looks like a tornado zone. Piles of wrappers, napkins, soda cans and forgotten backpacks litter the grounds. It's up to the custodial staff to clear it all out just so IHS students can have a pristine campus on which to strew their trash the next day.

In class, students moan when the teacher announces a pop quiz. But they should be grateful that they get to write their answers directly on the test instead of copying everything off of the board onto binder paper. We have our resident copy queen, Ms. Carol Zmolek, to thank for that. Always cheerful, she can zip out a set of emergency handouts in two minutes flat.

These are the people who quietly keep things going. Without them, the great lumbering machine of education would grind to a screeching halt.

Career Center tech. Ms. Linda Kimmel is happily ensconced in her cozy new digs in the library. The former Career Center, in room 22, has been converted to a Math classroom.



Ms. Deb Siliga does cleanup in the kitchen after another successful lunch. The cafeteria staff doesn't just feed IHS students, but most of the elementary schools in the area as well.

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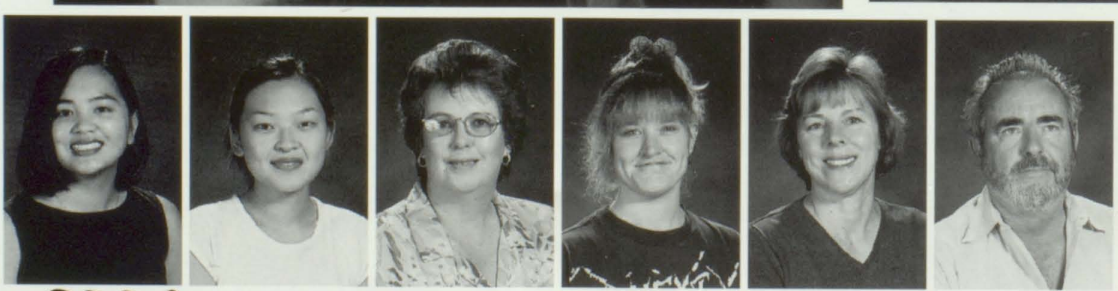
Momo Chang
Virginia Dickhart
Karen Hauzer
Donna Hein
Bob Johnson

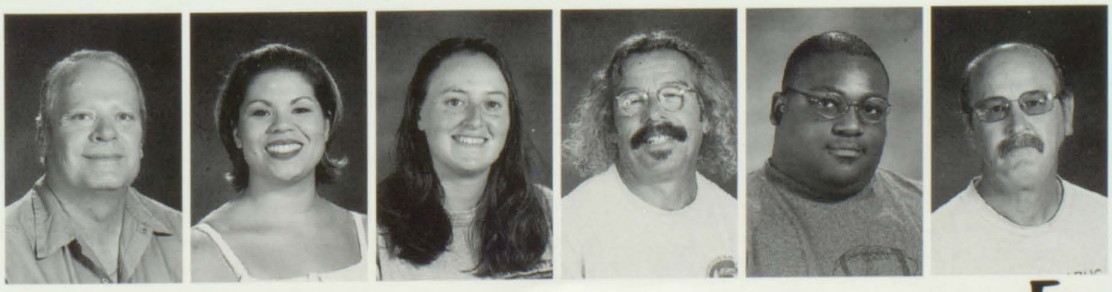


We Get By With A Little Help From Our Friends

Officer Frederic uses his laptop to keep track of incident reports and other police paperwork. Even though IHS is fairly calm these days, he is always busy with something or another.

Mrs. Carol Zmolek takes a break from answering phones and running the xerox machine to do her imitation of a sunflower. Room 15 is the center of efficiency with her in charge.

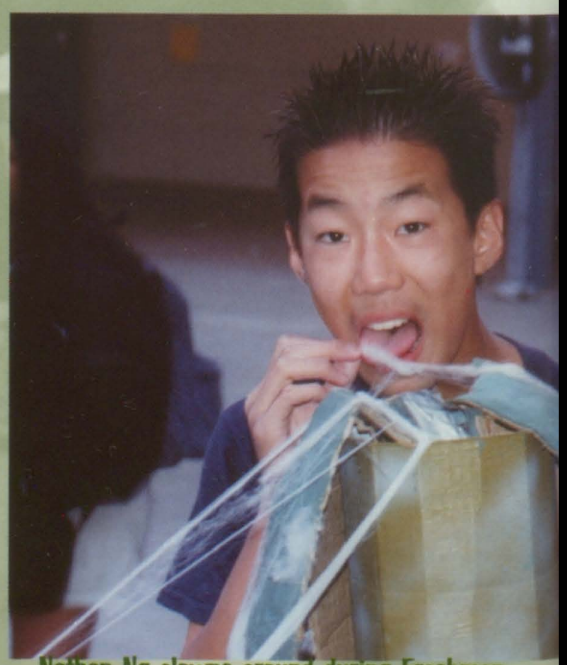
Caught working on a Saturday, Mr. Al Huckaby supervises the exodus from the temporary portables. In January, the T-wing was emptied out and hauled away in pieces.



William McGaffey
Norene Mogensen
Kat Perry
Arturo Quezada
Alex Smith
Ira Wilkes

FRESHMEN

Poring over fingerprints during the murder lab, Priyanka Yavendu and Gauri Sharma count the whorls and loops, hoping to solve the case before their classmates. This hands-on forensic activity gives biology students a chance to apply scientific principles to real-life problems.



Nathan Ng clowns around during Freshman Benchbuilding by pretending to eat a spider web. The thrill of participating in their first homecoming brought the many diverse members of the class of 2004 together in a common effort.

Freshman class adviser Mr. Richards gets in on the skit action with the class of 2004. With their homecoming theme of Friday the 13th Freshmen, the youngest Vikings terrified the crowd with haunting reenactments of classic horror movie scenes.

2004

So you wanna be a Viking, huh?

The class of 2004 has been initiated into Irvtown. They are largest group of incoming freshmen IHS has had in decades, as a result of boundary changes that brought in new Weibel students and grandfather clauses that allowed younger Ardenwood siblings to attend. This first critical year teaches these youngsters what it means to be a part of a school on the cutting edge. Ten years of school reform has shaped Irvington in ways that the other high schools in Fremont can't even imagine. Many came in with preconceived ideas of what we represent, all that changed as they encountered their first high school classes.

'It's harder than I thought it would be,' Anita Subrahmanyam said in surprise. 'But I know I can get help if I need it. The teachers really seem to care, they want you to do well.'

Despite the stress of high academic expectations, the social lives of Irvington students don't seem to suffer. There were no shortage of dances, parties and other events for ninth graders to get involved in, and they wasted no time diving into the fray. Their spirit was high, as indicated by their performance during Spirit Week. It's clear to see that the class of 2004 will be a force to be reckoned with in years to come.

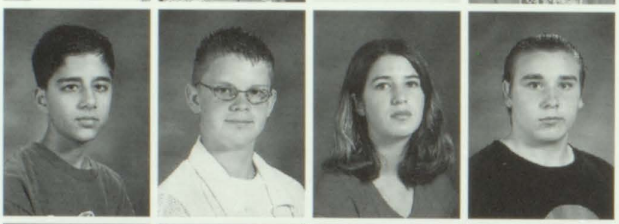
"Oh no...I don't want to be in a picture with FRESHMEN!" Senior Natasha Schroeder playfully ducks from the camera as she accompanies little sister Brittany and Katherine Sese through the courtyard. But these spirited ninth graders have nothing to be ashamed of...they're Vikings, and proud of it!

A Day in the Life

By Anita Subrahmanyam

Trisha Abad
Ashish Agrawal
Bryan Alejandrino
Rahib Ali

Samir Ali
Patrick Allan
Melissa Alvernaz
Andrew Amberden



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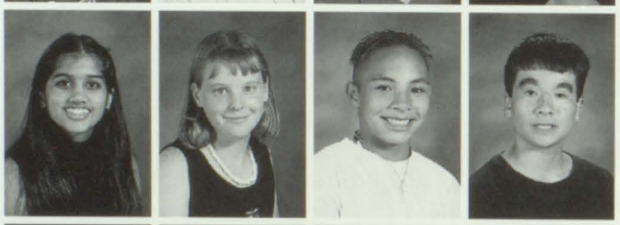

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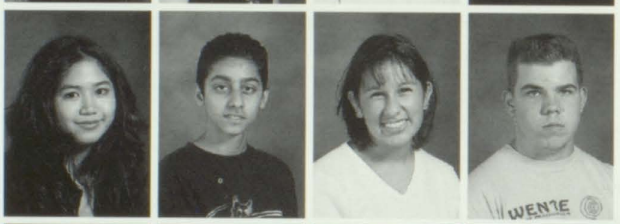

Susan Bai
Christine Baird
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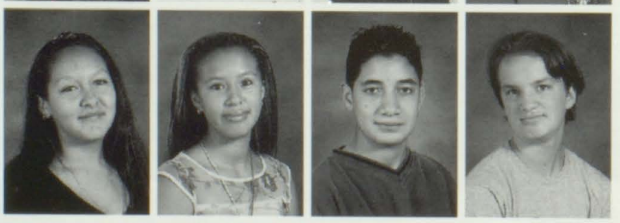


Everyone underestimates the stresses of freshman life. Ninth grade is actually not a year where you can fool around, as everyone expects it to be. Freshman year is filled with challenges that prepare you for the future. Follow us as we lead you through the daily life of a typical freshman.

For Gessner Padua, the day starts off in Applied Math 1 with Ms. Pathania. 'We do word problems out of the book,' he says, 'and I talk with my friends Jasper Rose and Peter Lan.' Afterwards he goes to second period, Physical Science with Ms. Nguyen. He says the curriculum for this class will be important to him in the future because he wants to pursue a career in the sciences.

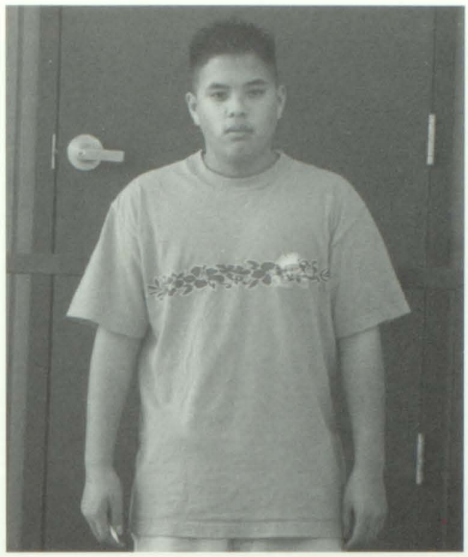
After a short break, where he gets to chat with friends and maybe grab a snack, Gessner heads off to English with Mr. Sipsy, which he finds to be a lot of fun. So far he's been lucky because all of his classes have been close to each other, so his passing periods can be spent socializing instead of rushing to the far side of the school.

But Gessner does have to trek across campus to the T-wing for his fourth period class, Computer Applications with Mr. Delehoy, where they play educational computer games and type a lot.

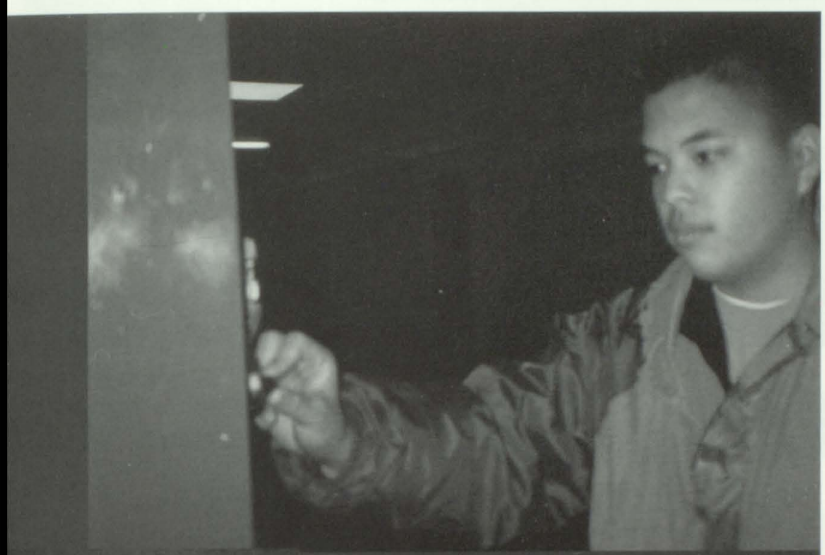
Finally, LUNCH! He enjoys this time, talking with his friends and getting something to eat. Gessner has to be careful not to stuff himself, though, because he has PE fifth period with Mr. Spooner. Running on a full stomach can be painful!

He finishes up the day in Drawing with Ms. Denis, who is subbing for Ms. Parker, out on maternity leave. 'There is no homework, and it's a very laid back class,' says Gessner about this fun elective.

After school, he spends his evenings doing homework and watch-



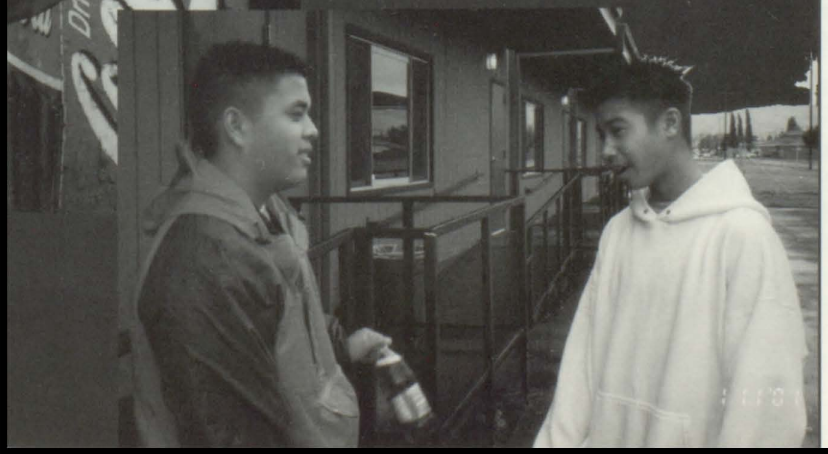
ing television. There are lots of projects, and in the second semester he has the freshmen benchmark to look forward to. As you can see, a freshman's life isn't as easy as some people think. Schoolwork and socializing can keep a ninth grader pretty busy.



Struggling with Irvington's ancient lockers is a freshman tradition. It's a good thing Gessner doesn't have to go far to get to his locker, since he forgot his wallet again.

A refreshing soda gives Gessner a sugar recharge at the end of a long day. Sometimes the sugar isn't enough, he needs caffeine, too.

Relaxing with buddy, Adam Catigan, out in the T-wing, Gessner wonders what life at IHS will be like when the renovation is complete, and the temporary classrooms dismantled.



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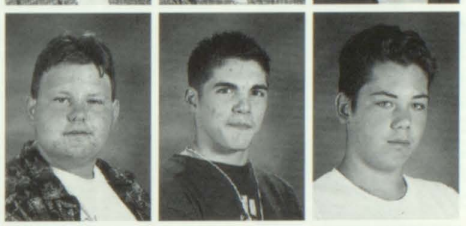

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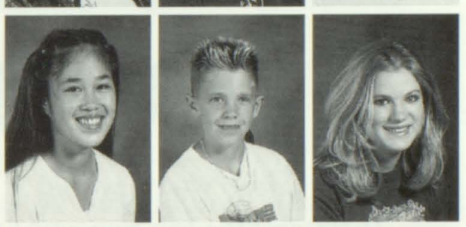

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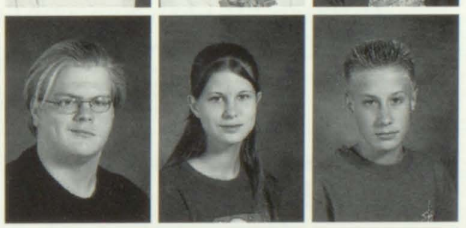

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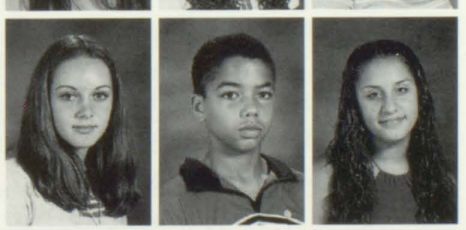

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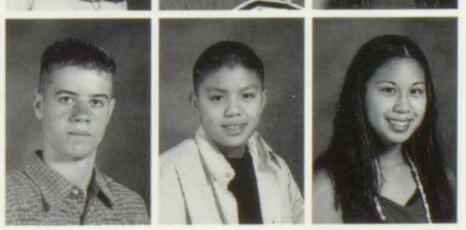

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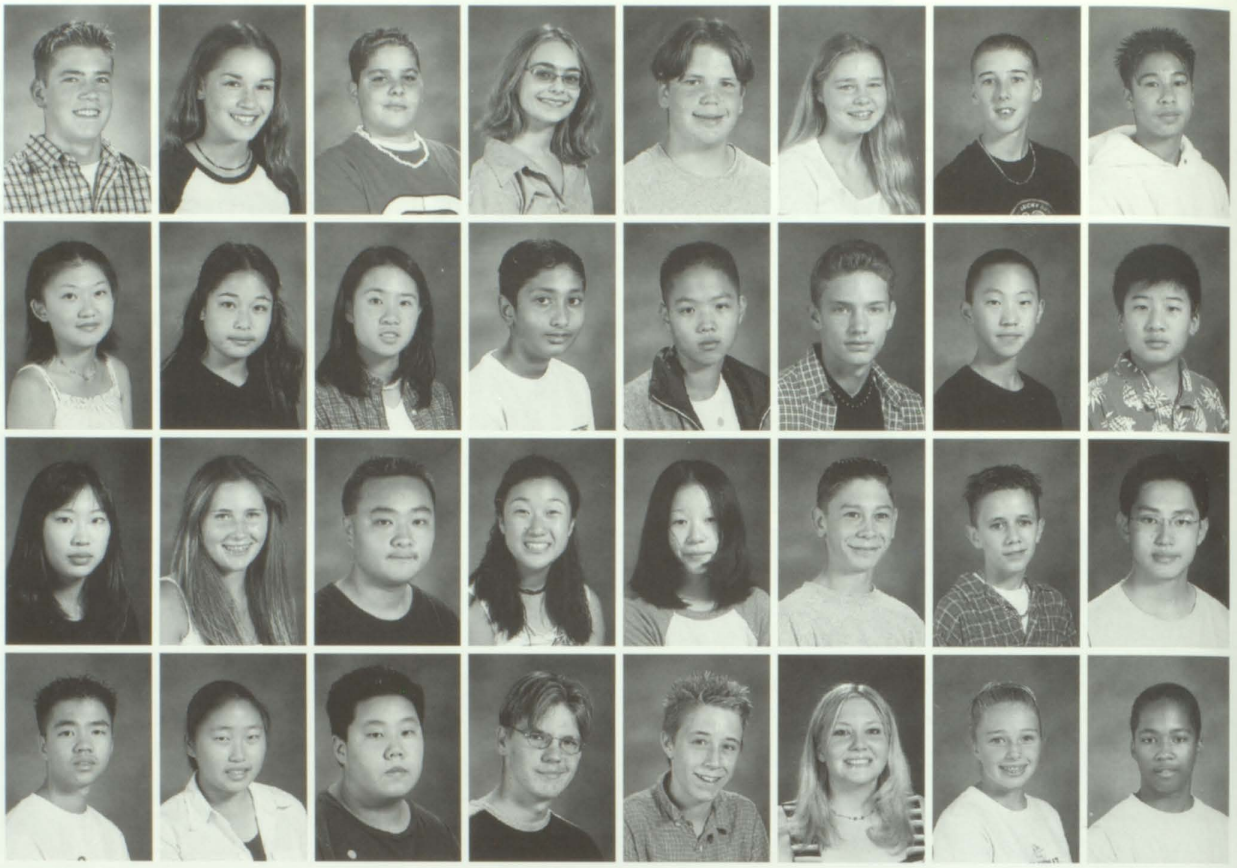

Twincidence

By Anita Subrahmanyam

How weird would it be to go through life with someone who looked EXACTLY like you? What if you had five out of six classes with your identical twin? Jillian and Lisa Stoorza experience this confusion every day.

Having classes together is a new experience for these two sisters. At Horner, they lived in two different worlds, with separate classes and friends. The last thing they wanted was to go to a high school where everyone gets them mixed up. The only period they're not in the same class is fourth, when they have their electives. Lisa has dance while Jillian has French.

The girls say they hate being twins because people don't recog-

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Ileana Dasilva

Amy Dave
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Tami Deering
Anna Lisa Deguzman
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Jacquelin Delatorre
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Kimberly Doying

Amy Doyle
Heather Driscoll
Richard Duong
Emily Dupree
Vanesa Ellison
Shawn Engley
Amy Enstrom
Arturo Espinosa

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nize them as individuals. 'Its irritating when people think of you as one person,' said Lisa. The only thing they like about having the same classes is that they have the same homework, so they can work on it together at home.

Jillian and Lisa were looking forward to meeting new people in high school. At Irvington they hang out in two completely different crowds, partly because they don't want to get mixed up, and partly because they have different interests. Jillian says, 'when people know one of us, they think the other twin is just the same.'

Can you tell who's who? Here's a hint: L is for Lisa...and for left. Even though the girls try to emphasize their differences, they do have one important thing in common, they're both IHS spiritleaders. Go Vikings!

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Hiba Fahim
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Erin Fajardo
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Aili Fei
Zechariah Feng

Samantha Fenn
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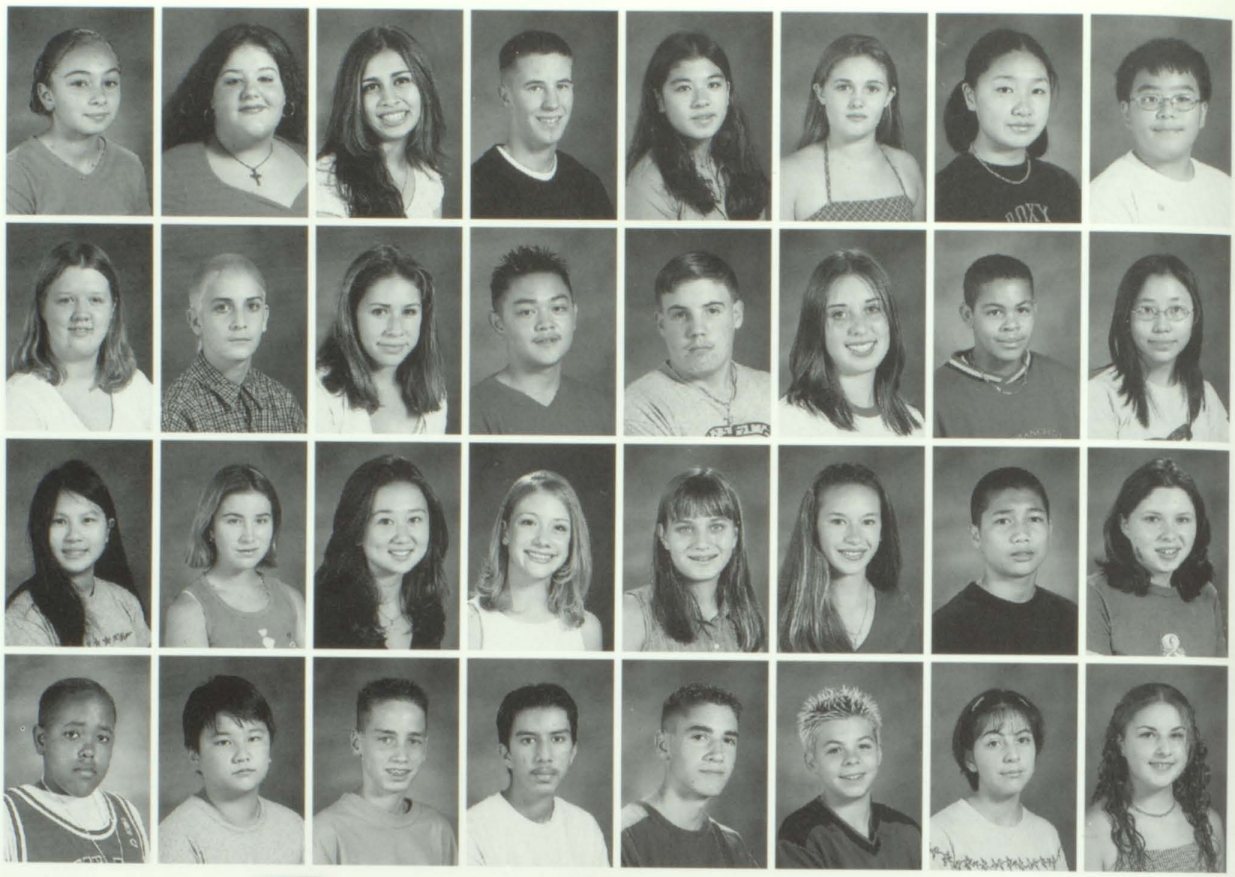


Freshman Benchmark

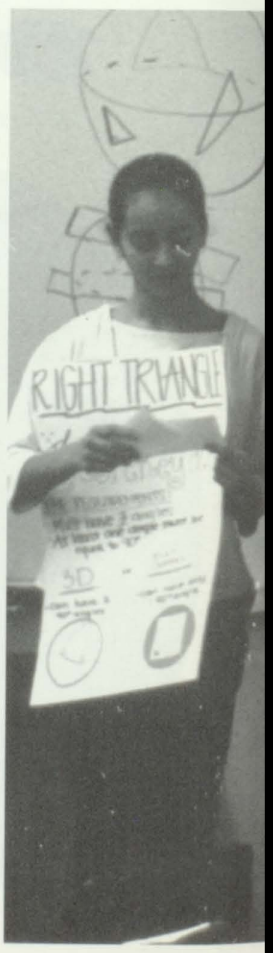
By Brandon Stewart

The Freshman Benchmark project begins in January each year. Ninth graders are put into teams of four, where they must identify a problem in their community that they feel they can affect in a positive way. The teams will elect a leader and write position papers summarizing their expectations.

The next step is to conduct research on the problem. The research is conducted on a natural and local level to find out the extent of the problem. The team then produces a research paper, with each student writing a section, that offers preliminary solutions to the problem.

Local agencies are then contacted about ways to help resolve the problem, for instance, animal shelters are good sources of information on how to reduce the number of feral cats in the community. Students are then able to make an action plan which will take them into the commonly to do anywhere from 4-20 hours of service that address their problem.

The last component is a group oral presentation. Again, each team member presents a portion. Good presentation skills are emphasized including professional appearance, instructive visuals, and hitting an



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Sabrina Habel

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Jeremy Hall
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Jennifer Hanamura
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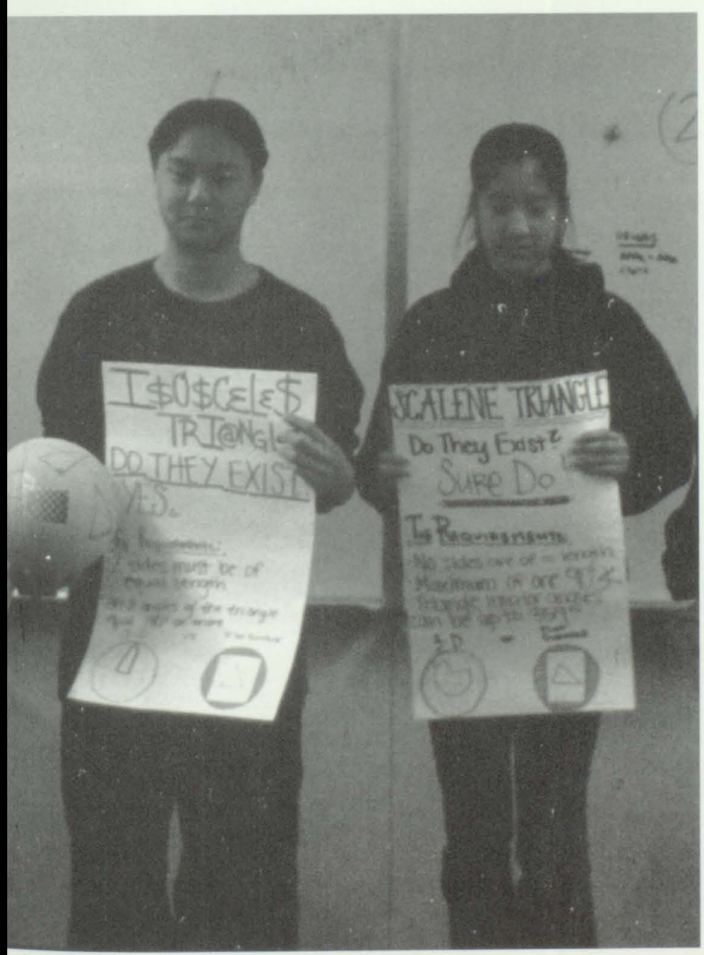
Franz Hansen
Tabitha Harris
Shannon Haslinger

Johnny Hebison
Sarah Henry
Carlos Hernandez
Matthew Herz
Jimmy Hoang
Scott Holtog
Melissa Holtzer
Ka-lin Hong

overall time target. Students not attaining acceptable levels of expectation in any of these components repeat them until they reach an acceptable level. After two months of hard work, its time for a celebration where family and members of the community are invited to view the projects and interview the student participants.

The freshman benchmark project is now entering its third year. Each year freshmen teachers work with freshmen students to refine the project and eliminate confusion for future students. Since its first confusing, but exhilarating year, the freshman benchmark project has evolved into a satisfying final component of each students freshman year that emphasizes academic skill, teamwork, and community service.



Rina Mehta, Victor Yoon, and Allison Ligh prepare for their benchmark project by giving a presentation on polygons in their math class. Being able to get up in front of an audience and present information in a clear and useful manner is critical to these ninth graders' future success at IHS.

By Charlie Green

One thing all high school students in the Fremont Unified School District have in common is their ninth grade Health experience. This class is mandated by the state to teach young people how to take care of their bodies so they'll develop good habits for the rest of their lives. Parental permission is required for the school to teach certain aspects of the class, such as sex education, but few students opt out. The district does offer an alternative to this one semester class, an extensive Health Challenge test that is given once a year. Because the test is extremely difficult to pass, however, only a tiny number of students take that option.

Many topics are covered in one semester of Health: First Aid and CPR, Physical Fitness, Nutrition, Family Living, Mental Health, Drug and Tobacco Awareness, Disease Prevention. Although many students have been given information about these topics before, this is often the first time they are fully responsible for knowing it for a grade.

The familiar cover of Holt Health, the textbook for FUSD Health classes, is a common sight in 9th grade backpacks. The happy wholesome teens on the cover inspire IHS freshmen to take the book's advice to heart.

Passing this test, and this class, is important to Jaswant Dhillon, Jason Liu, Casey Bettencourt and Chuck Durham. Health is a state requirement that every California student needs to fulfill in order to graduate from high school.

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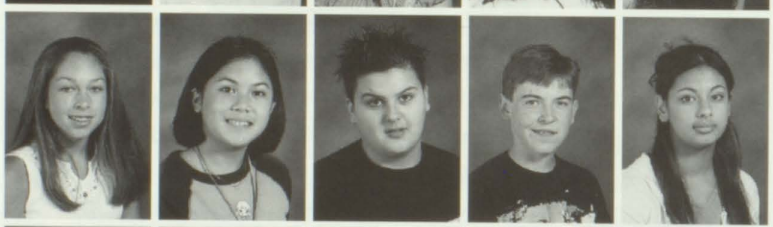

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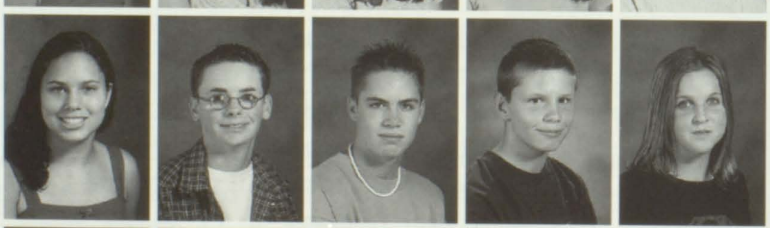

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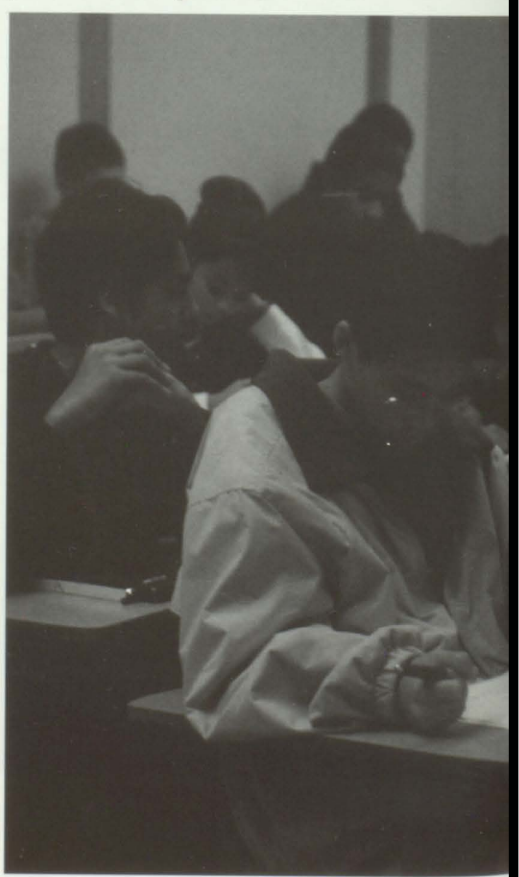
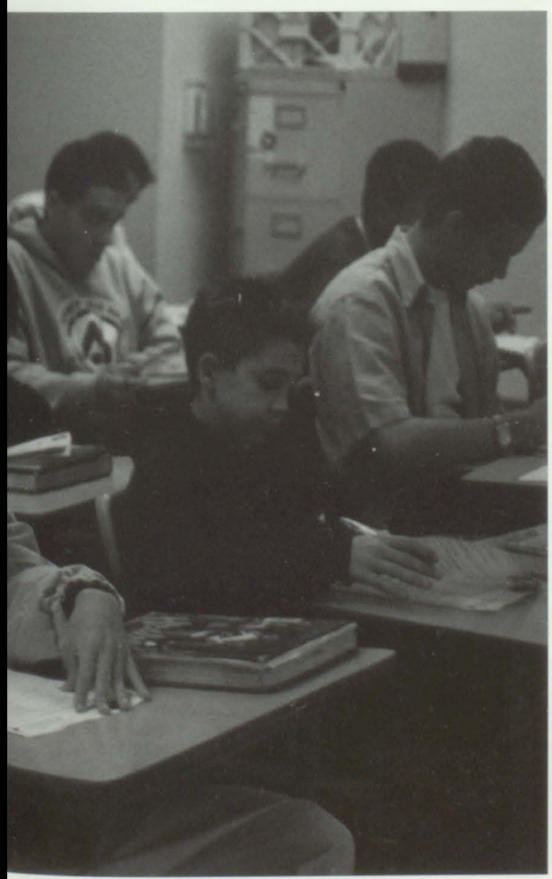
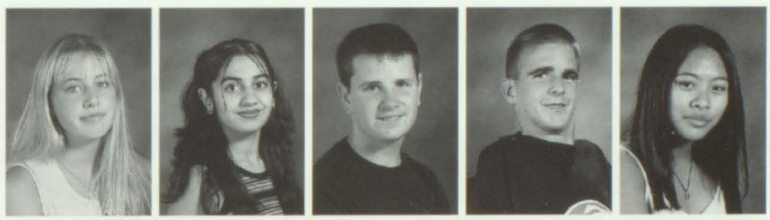


Healthy Habits





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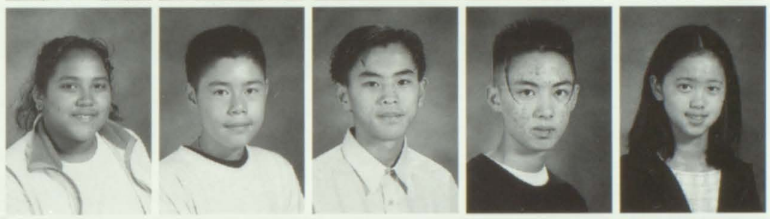

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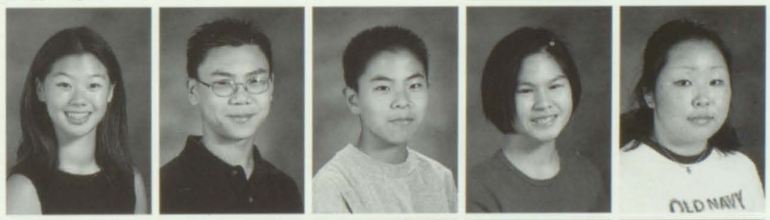

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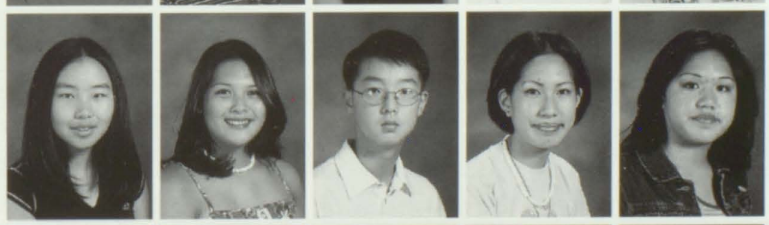

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Secret

By Anita Subrahmanyam

Life is hard enough when you're a freshman at IHS, but for Aliyah Wong, it's sophomoric. While most 9th grade students are enrolled in 9th grade classes, Aliyah spends half of her day in 10th grade classes like English 10 Honors, CPM 3 (Algebra 2/Trigonometry), and World History.

Aliyah could have skipped the ninth grade altogether, but she chose not to because she wanted to graduate with the class of 2004. She had the opportunity to go to Challeger Private School, which prepared her for more advanced courses in high school. Another reason she chose not to move ahead was the fact that she did not want to feel like an outcast among her classmates. Coming from

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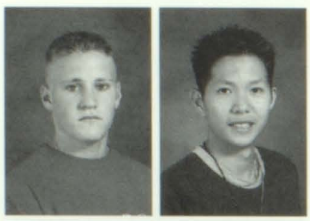

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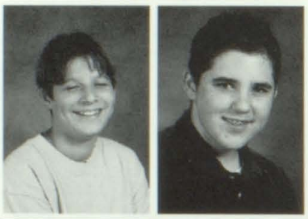

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Jose Mendoza
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Virginia Merlos
Candiss Miller
Christina Miller
Kimberly Miller
Ryan Miller

"I have SO much homework!" In 4th period Honors English 10, Aliyah sighs at the copious amounts of work she has been assigned.

Sophomore

a new school, she did not have many friends at IHS and it was important to her to fit in.

People who have met Aliyah say she is an outgoing person. She thinks IHS is a great school, and she has earned the admiration of her peers. 'I give her a lot of respect for challenging herself by taking three sophomore classes,' says 10th grader Rachel Hillman.

In addition to maintaining her 4.0 average, after school she heads out to practice with the JV soccer team. 'Soccer is a great stress reliever,' Aliyah says about her sport. And what does she say about her ambitious class load? 'Really, I'm just like everyone else, trying to do my best.'

Taking a minute to check in with buddy, Erin Pangilinan, Aliyah enjoys the company of another freshman. "It's hard not being in classes with my friends, but I get to know lots of people I wouldn't normally have a chance to meet."

Groupwork is an important part of the UN Project. Aliyah works cooperatively with sophomores Candice Shrodetzki and Tina Saparen from her World History classes.

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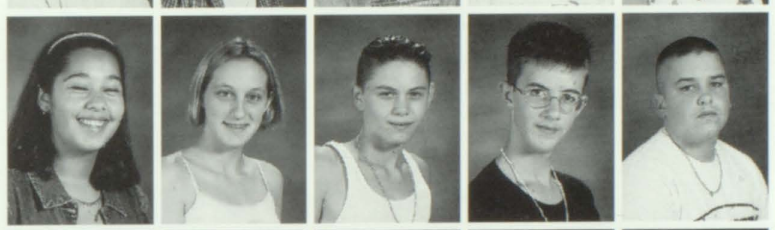

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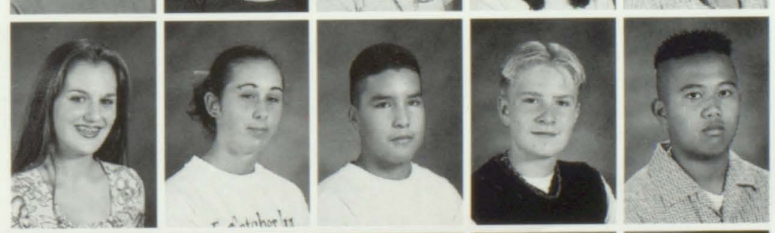

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Gorvin Pandher
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Lisa Parcher
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Bhumika Patel
Nikita Patel

Romita Patel
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Kevin Patrick
Erica Patterson
Erica Pedagat
Aracely Pena
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Kevin Percelle
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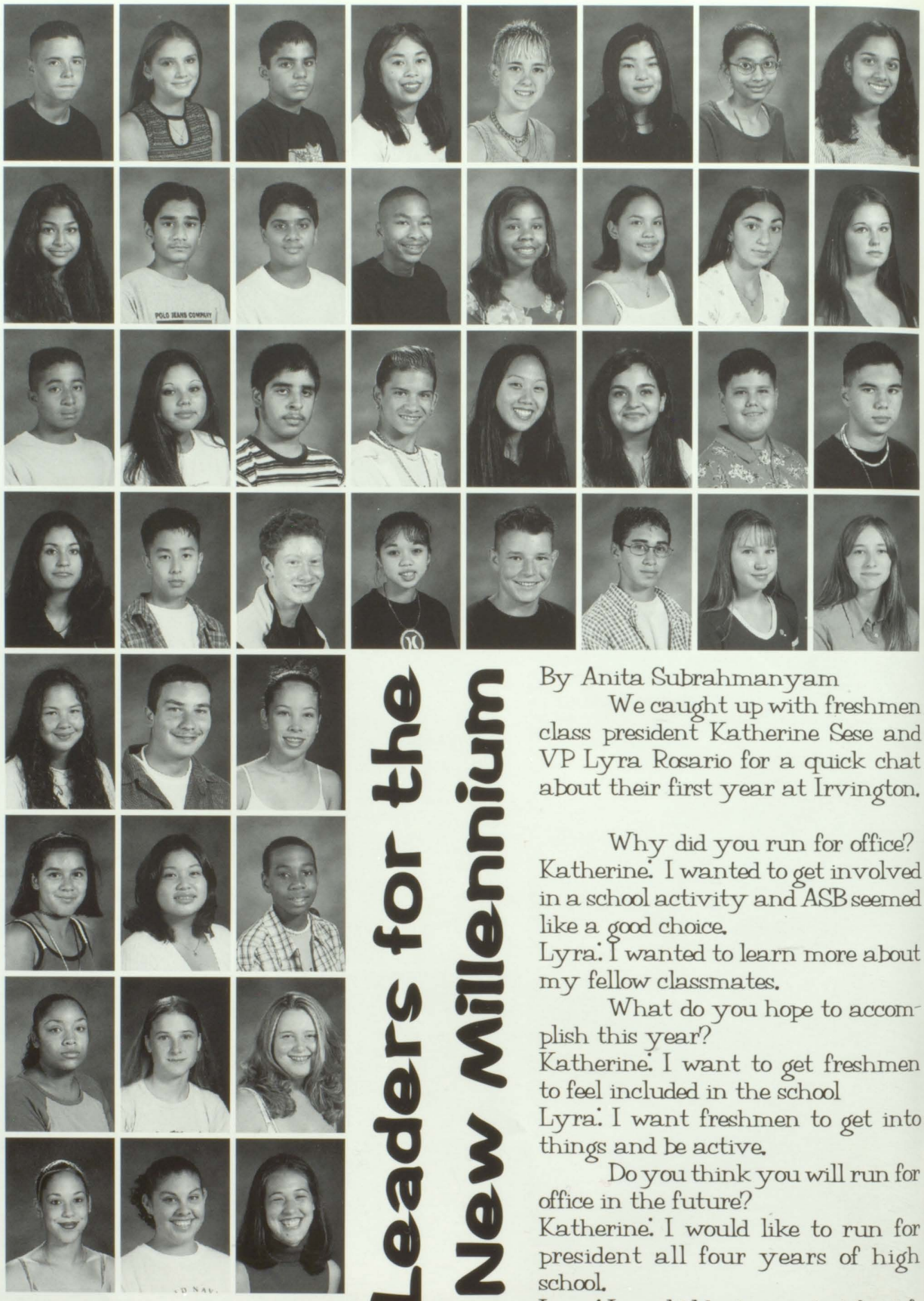


Leaders for the New Millennium

By Anita Subrahmanyam

We caught up with freshmen class president Katherine Sese and VP Lyra Rosario for a quick chat about their first year at Irvington.

Why did you run for office?

Katherine: I wanted to get involved in a school activity and ASB seemed like a good choice.

Lyra: I wanted to learn more about my fellow classmates.

What do you hope to accomplish this year?

Katherine: I want to get freshmen to feel included in the school

Lyra: I want freshmen to get into things and be active.

Do you think you will run for office in the future?

Katherine: I would like to run for president all four years of high school.

Lyra: I would like to run, but for different positions.

What do you think of the class of 2004 so far?

Caitlin Salinas
Ramandeep Sandhu
Moises Sandoval
Danny Santiago
Lynee Sanute
Yevgeniy Sapozhnikov
Heather Schaak
Brittany Schroeder

Krista Scott
Katie Serivani
Katherine Sese
Tommy Sewell
Jonathan Sexauer
Mostafa Shafaq
Kinar Shah
Palak Shah

Khadar Shaik
Razzaq Shaikh
Jamie Shannon
Fazilat Shariff
Gauri Sharma
Mark Sheldon
Jason Shepherd
Micheal Shimomura-Robin

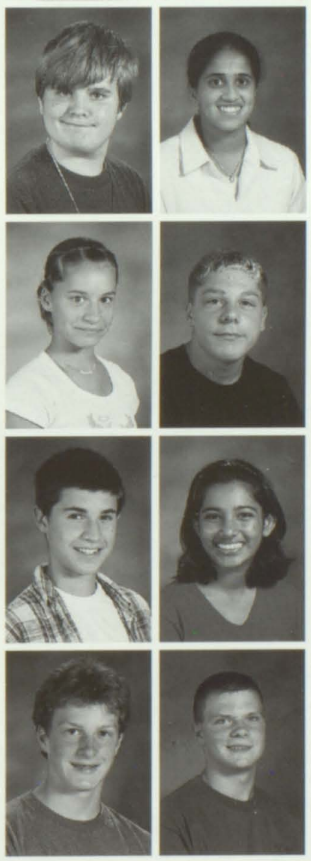
Wei-ju Shu
Emanuel Silva
Namrata Singh
Randeep Singh
Anora Sisaketh
Matthew Skelton
Christopher Smith
Jessica Smith

Katherine: We think it's great.
Lyra: They're really into it, it's wonderful.

How did you come up with the homecoming theme?

Katherine: We got some help from ASB.
Lyra: And we got lots of great ideas from other students.

Katherine and Lyra take a moment during their fourth period Leadership class to strike an executive pose. It's not easy being the youngest officers on ASB, but these two hold their own amongst their elders.



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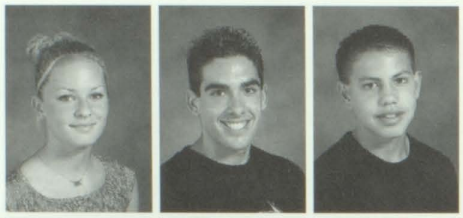

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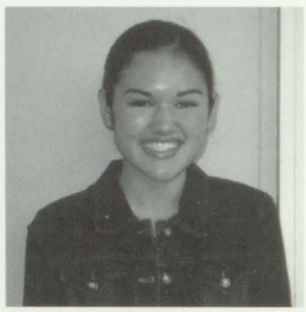

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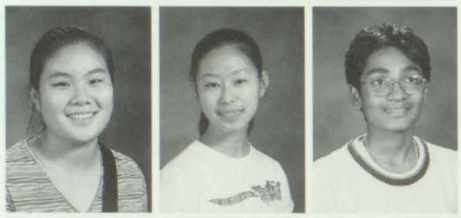

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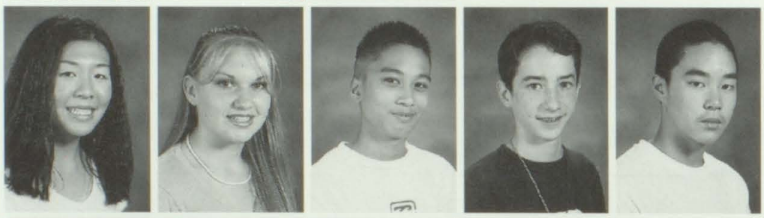

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By Stanley Hung

Starting high school is never easy, but for some Irvington 9th graders, it was particularly difficult. The Weibel/Hopkins students had to deal with the adjustment to a new school, and whole new group of peers as well as the switch from junior high.

After two years at Horner, many ninth graders already have a pretty good idea of what Irvington has to offer. But how does the reality match up to expectations?

Let's hear from some freshmen from both sides of the issue...

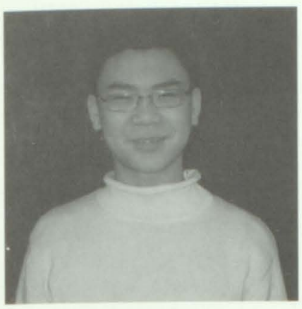
I imagined that IHS would be a sucky school and the education would be very bad. After I found out that IHS does not give Ds and Fs, then I thought this school would be very challenging. But it is not that hard and many people are nice. I absolutely hated this school but now I like it better than Mission.

Sapna Yadav

I thought everyone would beat us up since we were from Hopkins, but everyone is really nice. Also, I thought school would be harder, but with tutorials and help time, it's easier. I love it here and everyone has made me feel like a true Viking!

Christy Baird

Transition



I thought the classes would be really easy, but they're not.
Chris Lay

I thought it would be harder and that there would be more fine girls! It's pretty cool, but I'm getting tired of homework.
Smile Conanan

I thought the seniors would be really mean and grades would be hard, but the seniors are nice...grades are a bit hard, though.
Maryam Azad

I thought high school would be very challenging and strict. IHS is a little like I imagined. It is a big school with a lot of friendly people. I was a little nervous when I came, but I wasn't all that scared because I have a sister who goes here.
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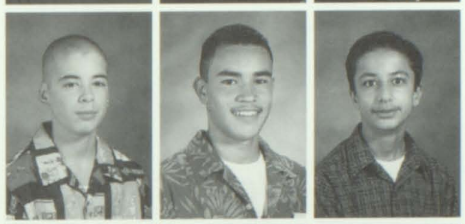

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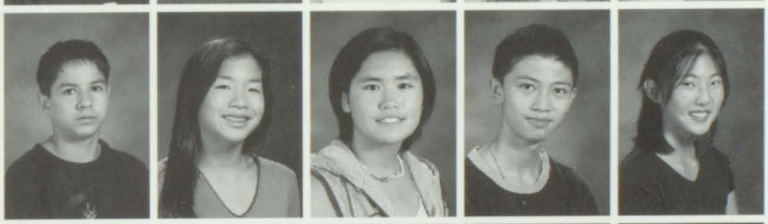

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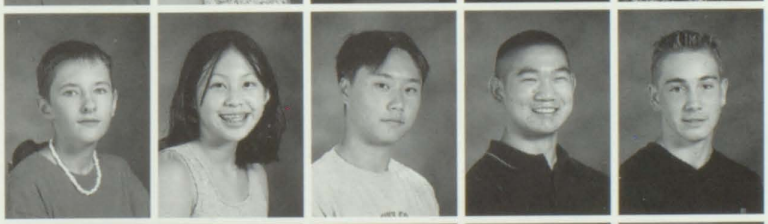

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SOPHS

Matt Smith and Cortney Hamie dance hand in hand to the Grease soundtrack. The class of 2003 skit was authentic to the core, with poodle skirts, slicked-back DAs, and lots of 50s attitude.

Their Homecoming skit has worked the sophomore class into a frenzy...all except Federick Bustos and Matt Dawes. These boys demonstrate just how cool they are as they stare down the camera.

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During the Thursday Tug-of-War against the juniors, sophomores Erin Stewart and Elise Galdin rally their teammates to victory. Due to the rain, several outdoor Spirit Week activities were moved into the gym.

In the freshman hallway, a tiny little 9th grader is struggling with his locker, panicking because he can't get it open. Walking by, you hit the locker in just the right spot, and it springs open. The freshman thanks you profusely and rushes off to his first period class. You walk on, glad that you know the tricks of the trade.

Near the office, a junior rushes by, almost knocking you over with her loaded backpack. She's so frazzled about the upcoming SATs that she doesn't even apologize. You smile, glad that you have another year to prepare.

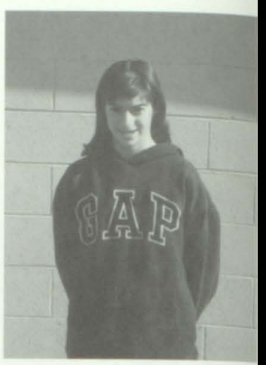
A cluster of seniors hover outside their AP class, looking over college applications and stressing over their choices. They know it's almost time to leave the sanctity of high school. Even though they're excited, they're also a little freaked out.

You don't have to worry about any of that. You're a sophomore. You know enough about Irvington to be comfortable, but you also know you have plenty of time before you need to worry about that next big step...college. You know who you are. You know where you're going. This is a good place to be.

Melissa Mendez and April Fame enjoy their refreshments in the courtyard at break. The short, ten minute respite from class gives students a chance to decompress after a morning of intensive learning activities...and pick up some much-needed sugar.

Day by Day

By Roger Yuan
We had the chance to talk to Savanna Spencer, a sophomore gymnast who is very dedicated to her sport. Here's what she had to say about being a Irvingtonian...



Q: What do you do at lunch time?
Savannah: I hang out with my friends and walk in the hallways.

Q: What are some of your hobbies? What do you do in your free time?
Savannah: I don't really have a hobby, I do gymnastics after school so I don't really have any free time. I train from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Friday, so I only have an hour to eat and do my homework.

Q: Do you like school in general? Is there anything you would want to change?
Savannah: I like school, it keeps me busy, I don't think anything could be changed.

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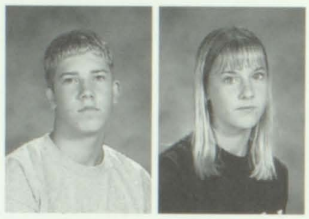

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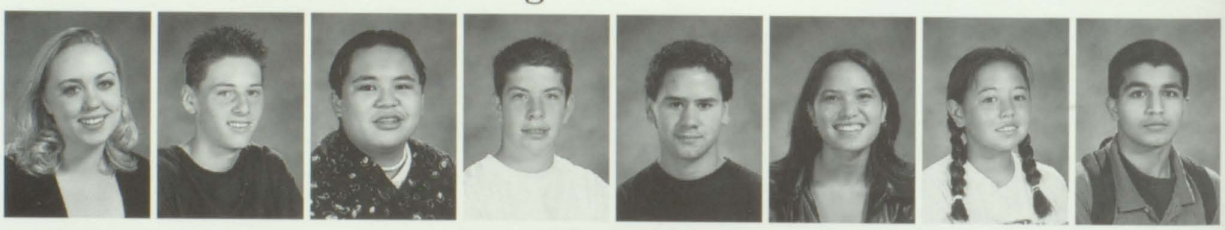

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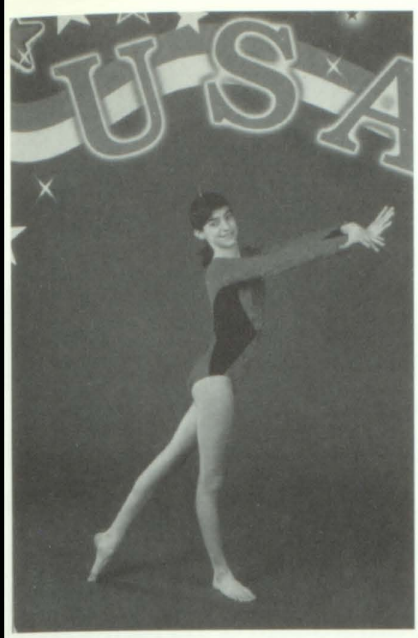

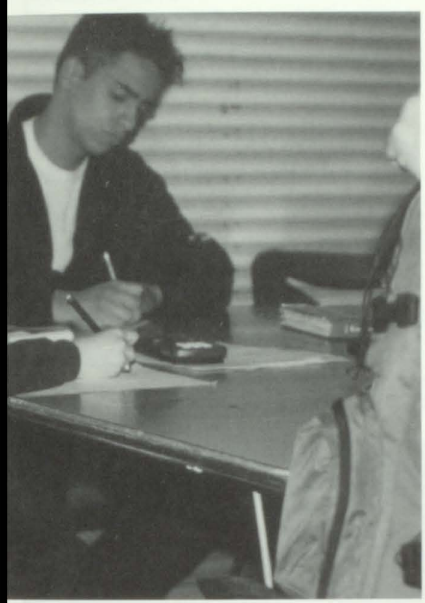

Q: What classes do you have? Tell us a little about your classes, like what you are learning and what you like about them.
Savannah: I have World History, English, Biology, Spanish, Study Hall and Math. In history, we've been learning about the Enlightenment, and a little about the American Revolution. In English I have learned parts of speech, and we have read part of Night by Elie Wiesel. For biology, I have learned about DNA, RNA, cell division, etc. In Spanish, I learn vocabulary and parts of speech. In study hall you don't learn anything, you just do your work from other classes. In math, I am learning angles, prisms, formulas, etc. I like all my classes because the teachers keep it up beat.

Q: What do you think of the class of 2003?
Savannah: I am proud to be part of the class of '03.

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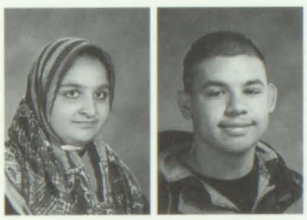

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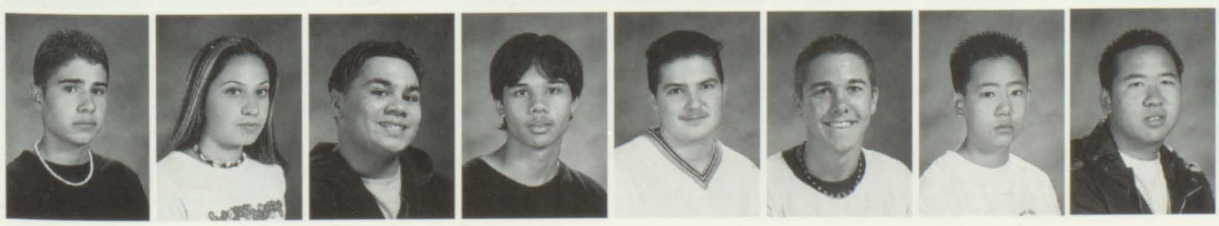

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Nike	Shoes	Fila
Jackass	Television Show	South Park
The Wedding Planner	Movie	Hannibal
Jennifer Lopez	Female Movie Star	Julia Roberts
Freddie Prinze Junior	Male Movie Star	Matthew McConaughey
KMEL	Radio Station	Live 105
Lauryn Hill	Female Singer	Britney Spears
DMX	Male Singer	Ricky Martin
Limp Bizkit	Music Group	N Sync
Thrasher	Magazine	Sports Illustrated
Funyans	Snack Food	Doritos
Pearl Milk Tea	Non-Alcoholic Beverage	Jamba Juice
Fantasia	Hangout	Starbucks

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Samuel Cisneros
Chris Clark

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Matthew Delgado
Joelle Demaria
Ricardo Demoraes

Leading the Way

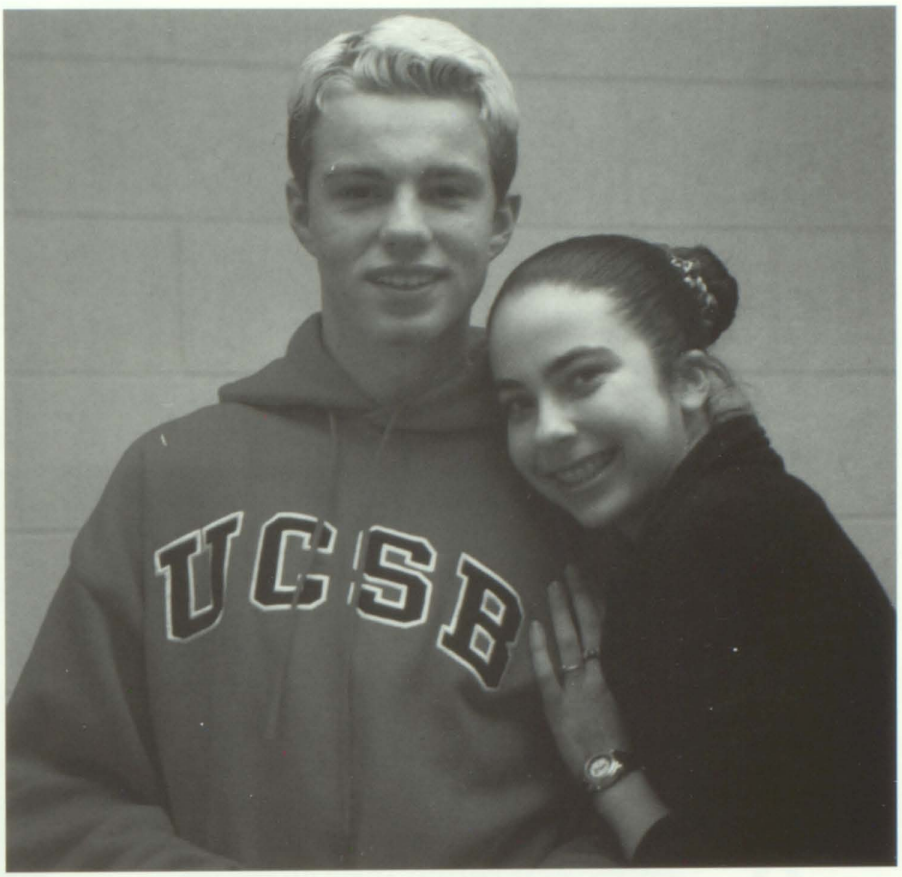
By Roger Yuan

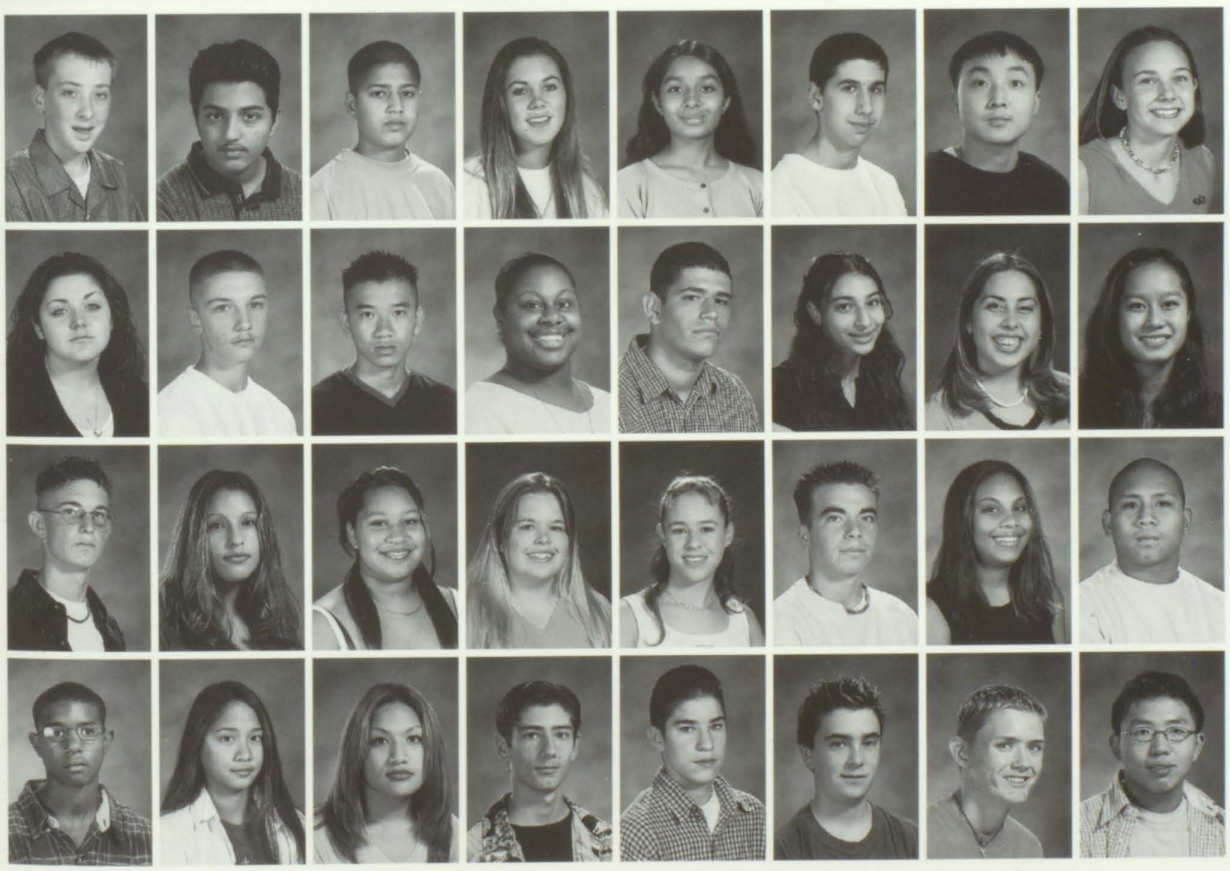
The sophomore officers are Vicki Hill and Brian Loeswick.

President Vicki is well prepared for the job, having been freshman vice president last year. 'I wanted to make a positive impact on the sophomore class.' Her experience will come in handy as she leads the class of 2003 to glory.

For Brian, taking over the VP position has been challenging and exciting. He decided to run because 'I thought it would be fun and I wanted to make a difference.' His outgoing, cheerful personality has been an uplifting addition to ASB.

These two exemplary leaders are working hard to bring the sophomore class exciting activies and productive fundraisers. Their strong performance during Spirit Week was a shining example of the positive leadership Vicki and Brian have provided the class of 2003.





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Diamantin Estrada
April Fame

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Patricia Fernandez
Sarah Fernandez
Theresa Ferreira
Jarrod Fiance
Natasha Fitzgerald
Rodell Flores

Darnell Flowers
Rachelle Foronda
Charlotte Fotu
Vincent Fowler
Oliver Franco
David Frederickson
Jarrod Fullerton
Albert Fung

Researching information on Chilean military alliances, Quincy Stokelin flips through yet another thick encyclopedic volume. Concentrating was a challenge with construction workers and their equipment always moving through the library.

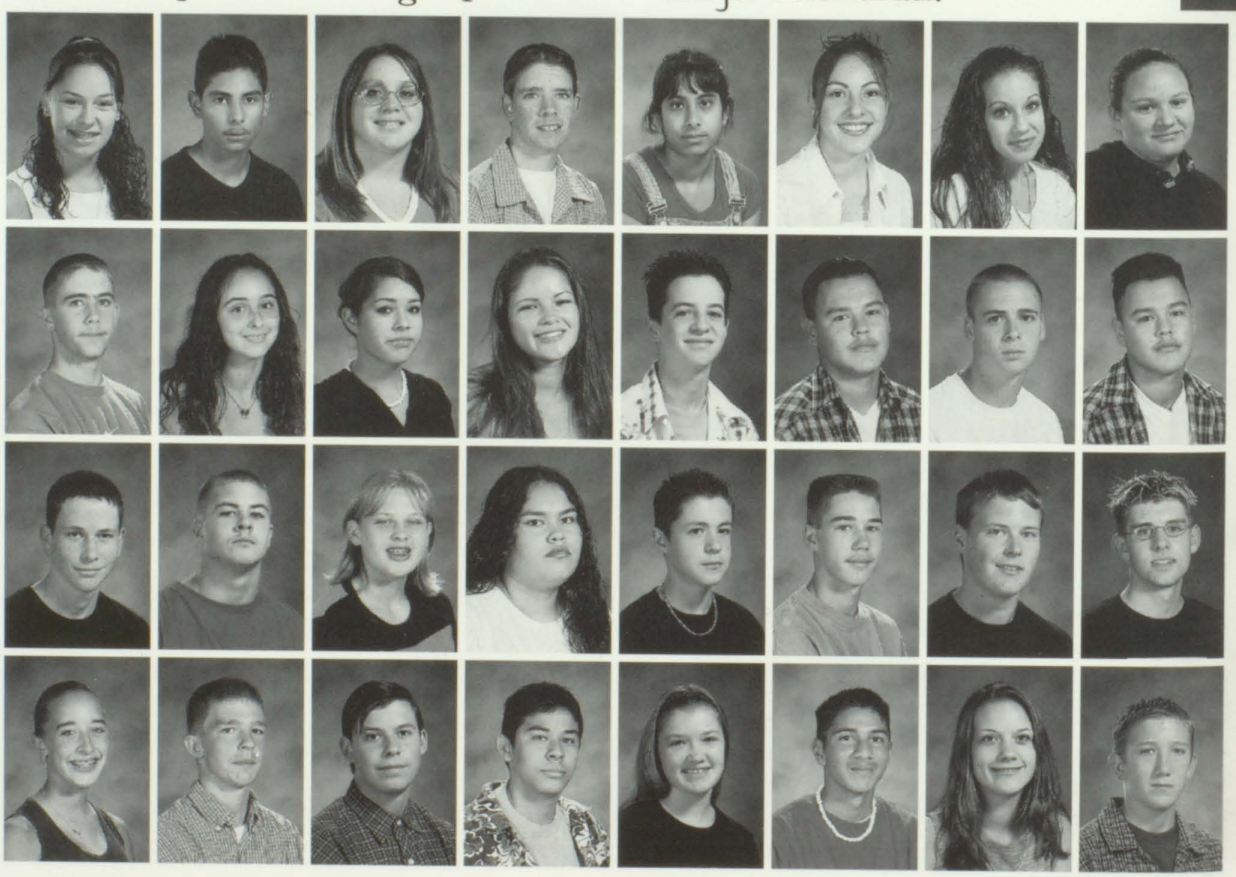
By Rachel Hillman

In the second semester, Irvington 10th graders are busy on their United Nations project, otherwise known as the sophomore benchmark. The U.N. project is meant to prepare sophomores for QUEST by giving them a preview of intensive research, writing and groupwork.

The U.N project is done in groups of three or four students in each World History class who select a country by lottery. They write essays on different topics relating to their country, giving a detailed profile. These groups also research different areas that the U.N. is involved in and figure out what their country's position should be based on this knowledge and research. They must also create the flag and map of their country within their groups.

In order to pass the U.N. project and move onto 11th grade, 10th graders must create a political cartoon based on their position, write an advocate letter to an official of the U.N. or their chosen nation and defend their position in an oral presentation. These presentations are graded by a panel of teachers and students, who are looking for the demonstration of speaking and presentation skills.

When all is said and done on U.N. Day, each group will give their formal presentations. Its a sight you have to see to believe...hundreds of sophomores, dressed up in suits, ties and dresses, giving professional quality presentations before a group of their peers, arguing for their country's positions and making speeches about major world issues.



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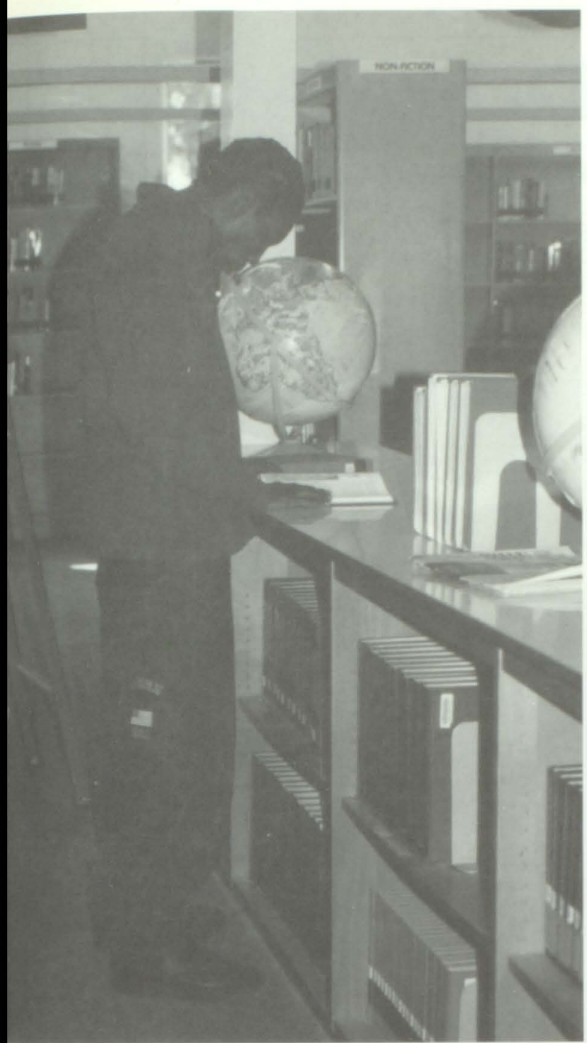
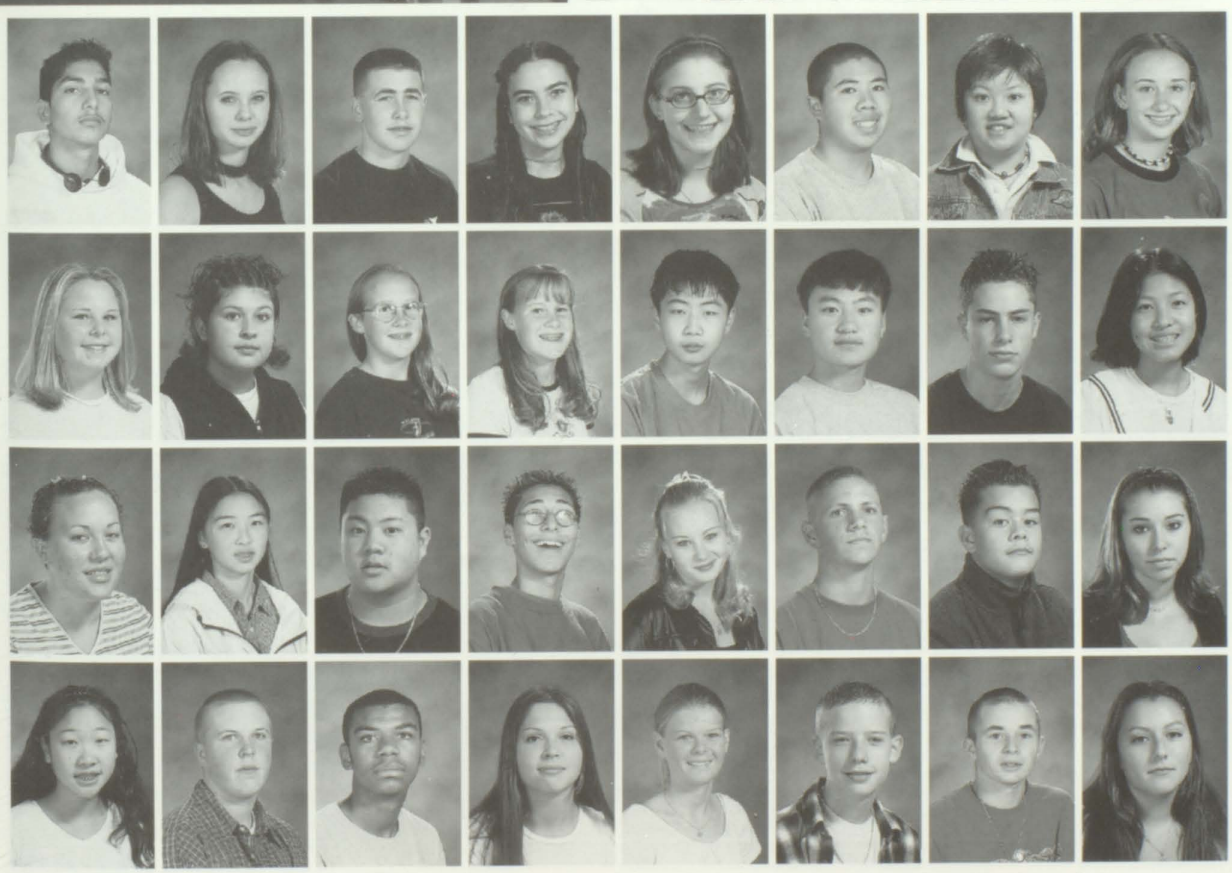


Wilson Lieu takes notes on India's economy during a class trip to the IHS library. The rest of his group is working on their flag and map, other components of their UN Project.

April Fame and Stephen Nguyen are relieved to find what they're looking for on the CIA's website. Apparently, their countries, Yemen and Zimbabwe, have had checkered relations with US intelligence.

U.N. Benchmark



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Baby, You Can Drive My Car

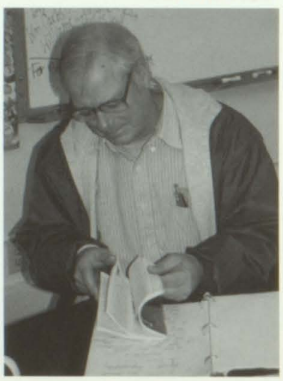
(but, only after you take this class)

By Yan Min Hong

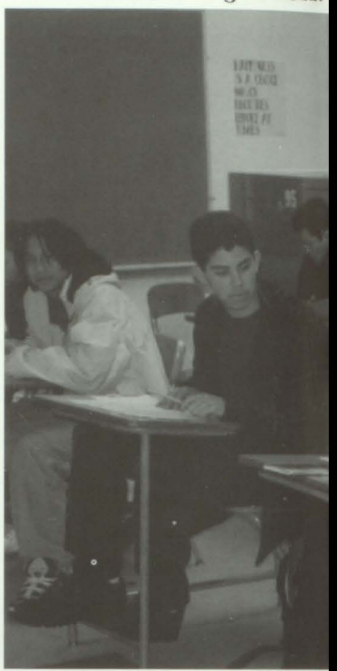
Drivers Education is a zero period class. This makes for quite an interesting experience, coming to school so early in the morning. Sometimes, the sun hasn't even come up when class starts. Mr. Stull, who teaches Drivers Ed at Irvington, acknowledges this challenging schedule, Students don't like the class starting at 6:30 AM, but they have to have the class if they want to drive. On Monday, class lasts only 45 minutes, but runs for a full 60 minutes Tuesday through Friday.

Since Drivers Ed is a necessary step in getting a license, students simply have to deal with the scheduling inconveniences. The class itself teaches students the basics of driving and discusses the reasons behind the driving laws so stu-

Mr. Bill Stull pages through his Driver's Manual for a quick recap before class. All the changes to the California vehicular code in 2001 keeps this longtime driver on his toes.



Brittany Herz tries to focus on her worksheet while Arlee Eastman and Matt Galardi compare answers. It doesn't matter how you learn it, as long as the information sticks in your head.



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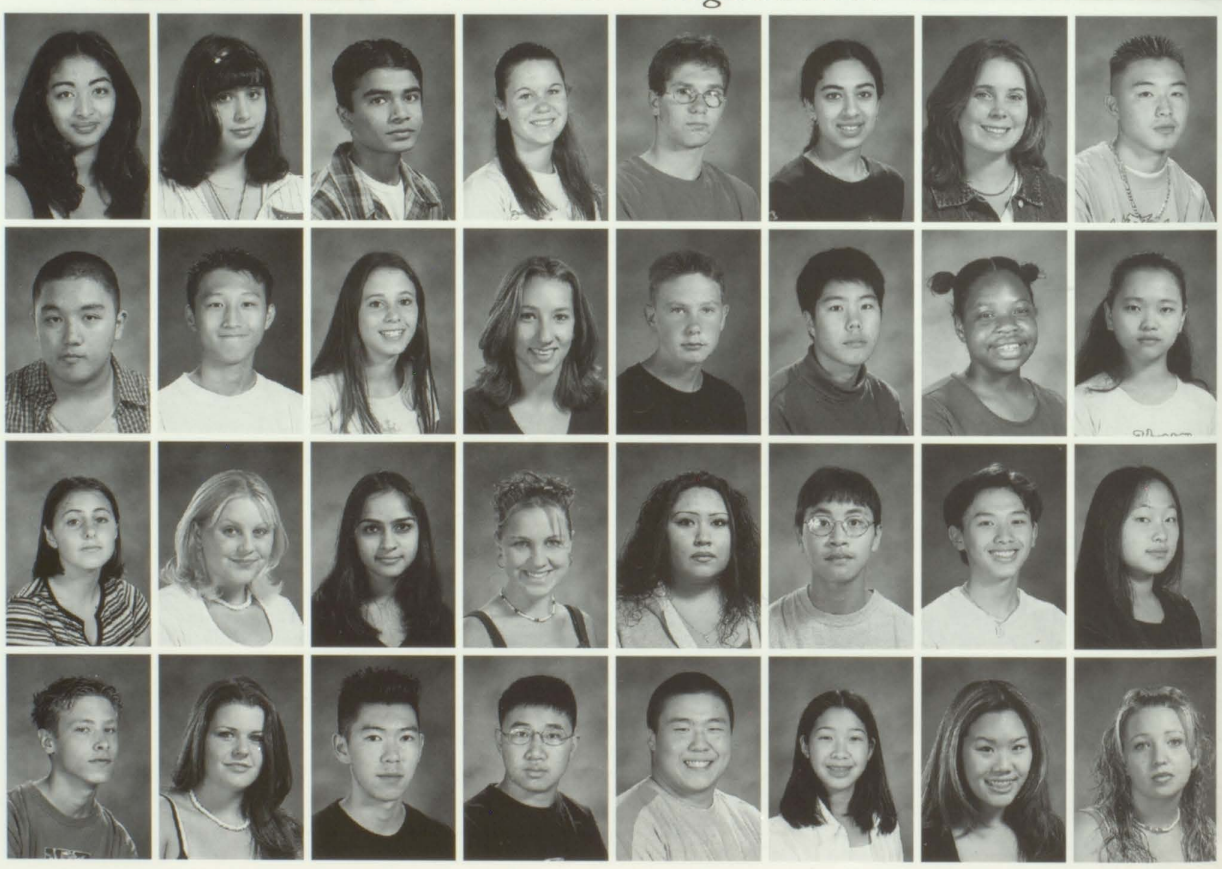
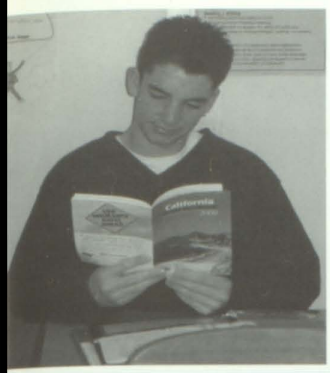
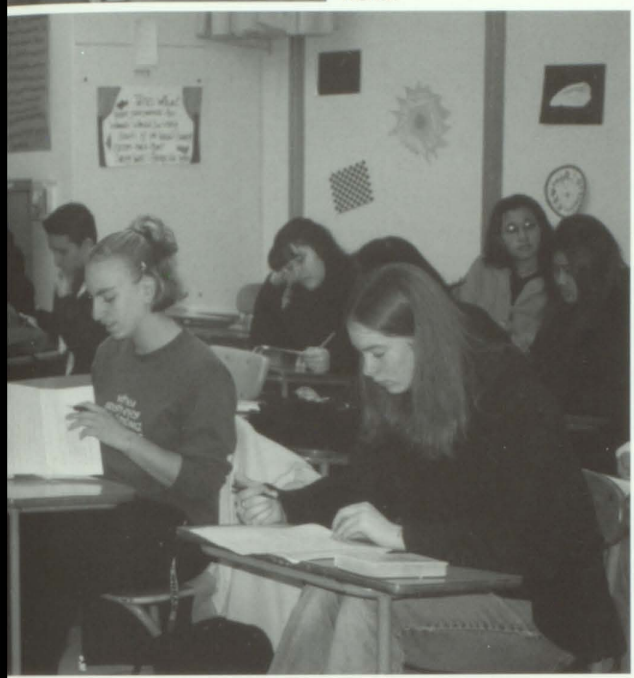


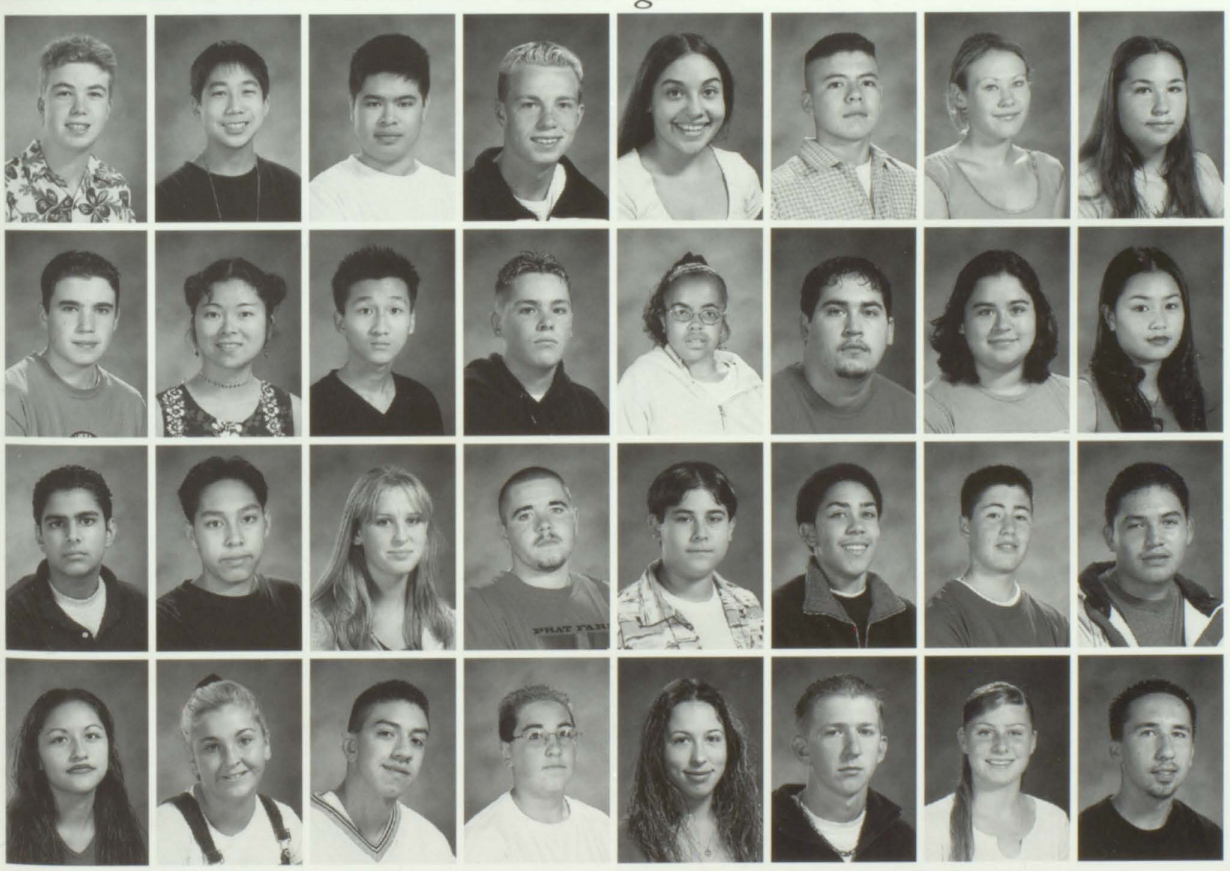


So many rules to follow! Randy Ramos wonders if his brain can hold all the information he needs to know to pass his driver's test. It's not that the test is hard, just that there are so many possible questions.



dents get a better understanding of their responsibilities behind the wheel. Although there are private companies that also offer classes, its easier and cheaper to take it through the school. The classroom part of the program does teach some very important and life saving skills, such as how to escape from a car in the event that it runs into deep water, but the real hands on the wheel stuff takes place in Drivers Training, which most students take through a private company, such as Capitol, since the district has very limited enrollment in their sections.

Getting a drivers license is a huge leap towards independence for high school students. Drivers Ed and Drivers Training are two of the most important steps towards that achievement. By offering students a solid understanding of the risks and responsibilities involved in maneuvering a two ton vehicle on public roads, these classes do their part in creating good drivers for the future.



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ONE ON ONE

By Susanna Tuan

The Saga staff invited two of our most outspoken 10th graders, Cortney Hamic and Balint Adorjan, to riff on each other as a demonstration of sophomoric wit...the following dialogue has been carefully censored so as not to offend those with delicate sensibilities.

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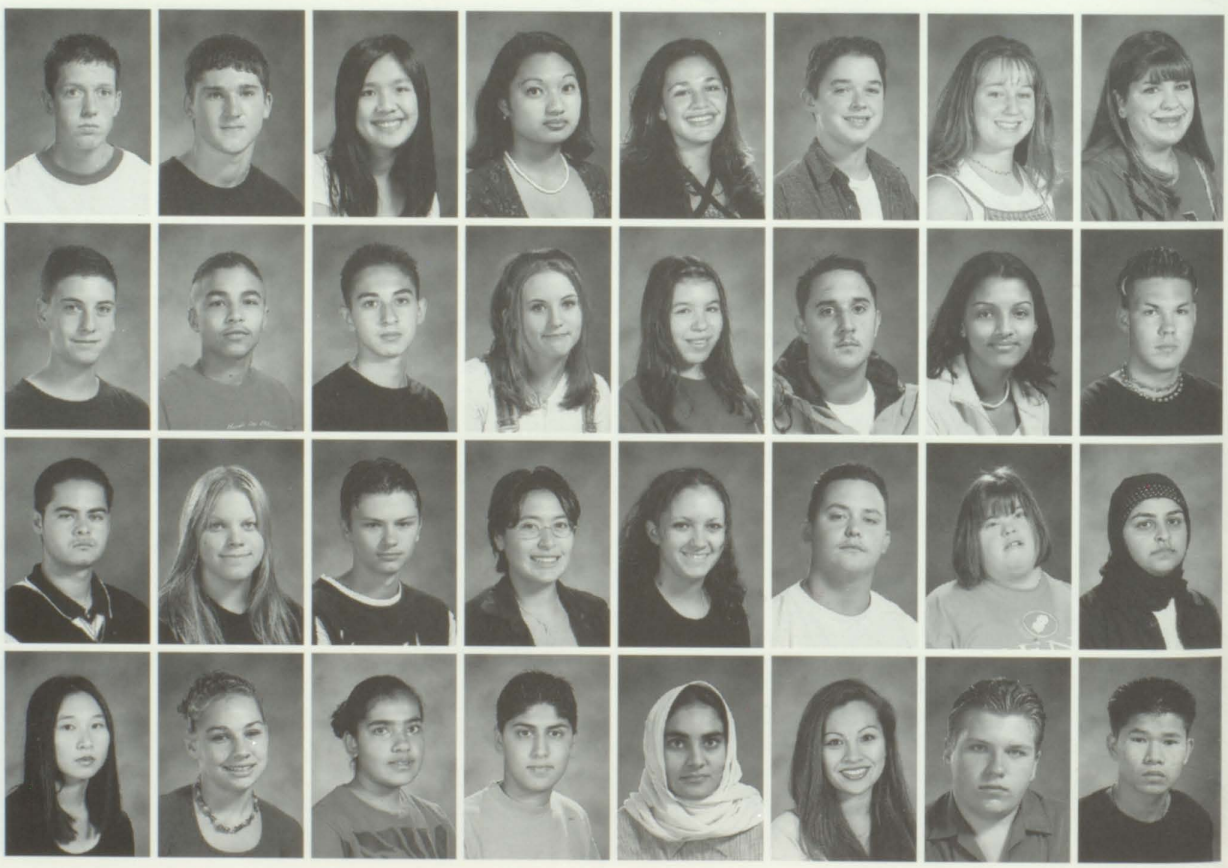
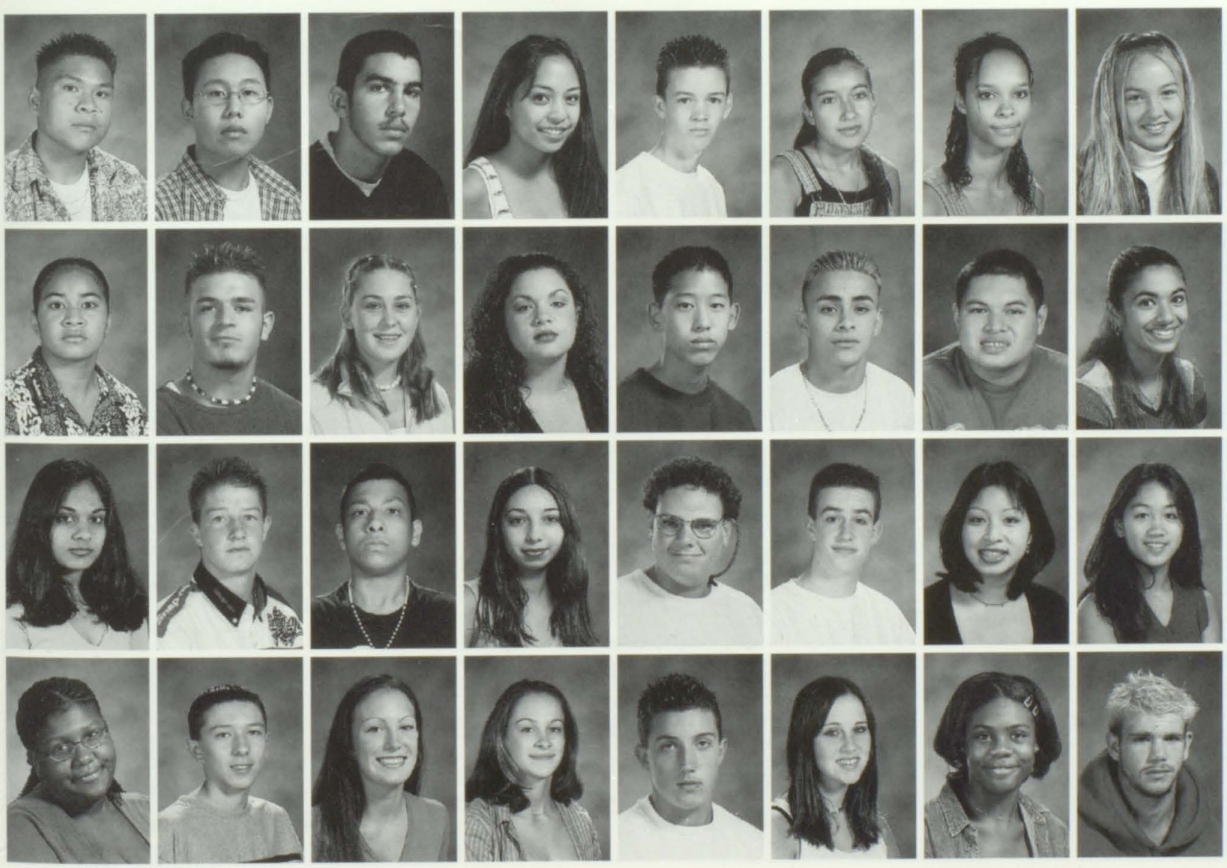


Cortney: So...what are we going to talk about?
Balint: How hot I am.
C: (rolls eyes) Balint, you're a boring, boring person, why aren't you dressed up for Spirit Week?
B: (ignoring her) How long have I known you?
C: Since seventh grade. Well, at least I've known of you since seventh grade. That's why I never talked to you. Let's make up a song. (singing)
Balint and Cortney sat on a wall.
Balint...Balint had a great fall. Ummm...
B: You're weird. (He throws a pen at Cortney, she throws one back)
B: (to no one in particular) We're playing football with the pens. (He throws another pen at Cortney. She ducks, he misses)
C: He has no aim.
B: Yeah...only cause you moved. Duh!!
C: If there was a basketball hoop in here, this would be so much more fun.
(Balint pushes Cortney out of the room and tries to lock her out)
C: (pushes door open, Balint falls down) Ha ha, you loser.
B: What's cookin' good lookin'?
C: I could kick the tar out of you.



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Two Tales of True Romance

By Annalyn Bergos

It was a crisp clear night, about 11:00 PM. Cold enough so when you breathe, the air turns a mystical white. My boyfriend and I were on top of the world. We were in Oakland looking down on the entire east bay. It was lit beautifully with streams of lights down below where the cars flowed on the freeways.

He was holding me in his arms, whispering in my ear how much he loved me, and how precious I was to him. Then he took my black hair tie and doubled it to make it smaller. He placed it on my finger and promised me his love for all eternity. Tears began to fall from my eyes and he held me even tighter. He wiped away my tears and gently kissed me. I wanted to freeze time so this moment would last forever.

Appealing

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Jessica Rash

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Johana Rodriguez
Olivia Rodriguez
Rudy Rodriguez
Charles Rounds
Mario Ruiz

Raul Ruiz
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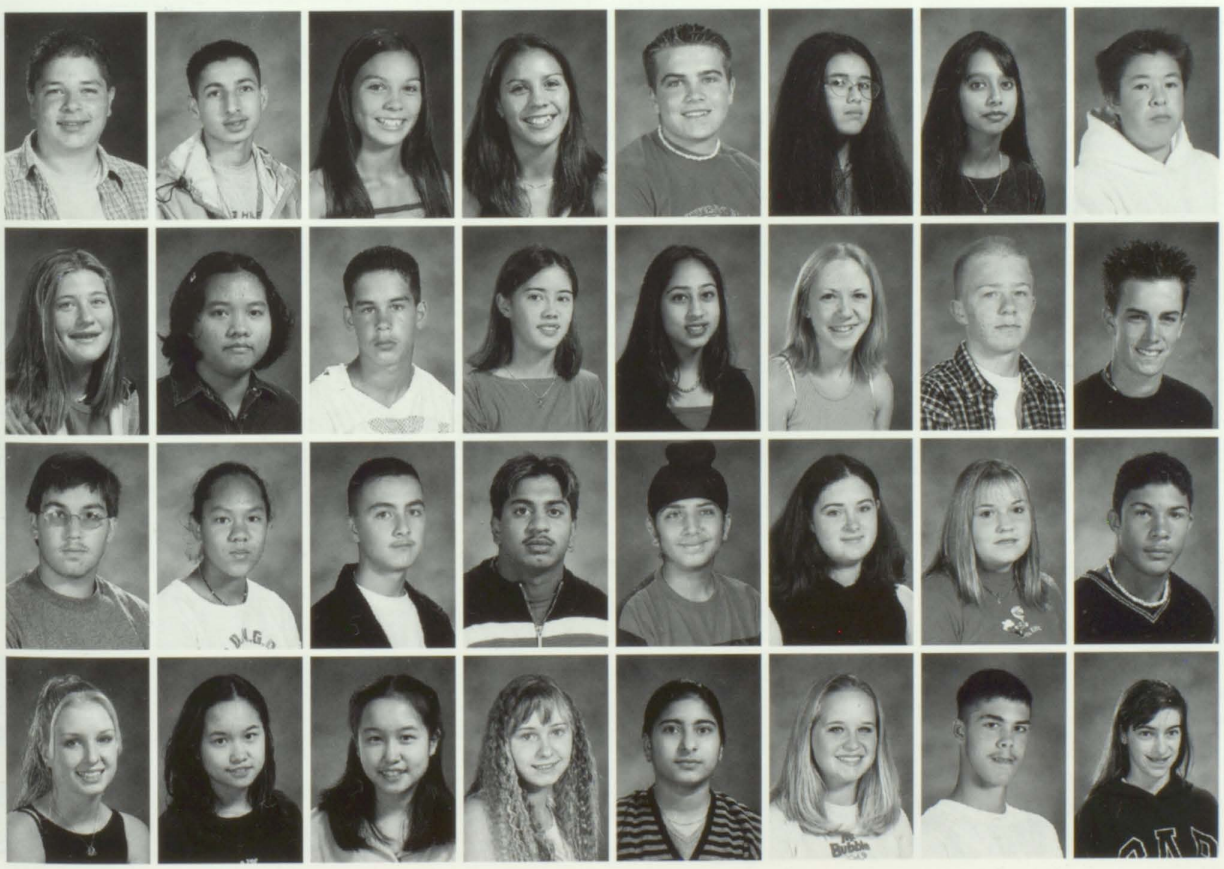
Christina Ryniewicz
Manjot Saini
Zachary Sala
Monica Salinas
Jessica Samford
Cesar Sanchez

Appalling

By Melissa Mendez

One day during summer school at Kennedy, I was walking with my friend, Novi. We were laughing and joking when we saw my boyfriend, (now ex-boyfriend) up ahead. We walked toward him, and I went over to give him a hug. Just as I put my arm up, he thrashed out and punched my arm out of the way. I was thinking, 'Omigawd! What is he doing? I was scared and annoyed, so I just walked away.

After a few days, when I had cooled my anger, I asked him why he did that. He denied the entire thing! Until this day, he still believes he didn't punch me. Appalling? I think so. At least I had witnesses who saw this happen, so I know I'm not crazy, thank God!



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Jacob Stewart
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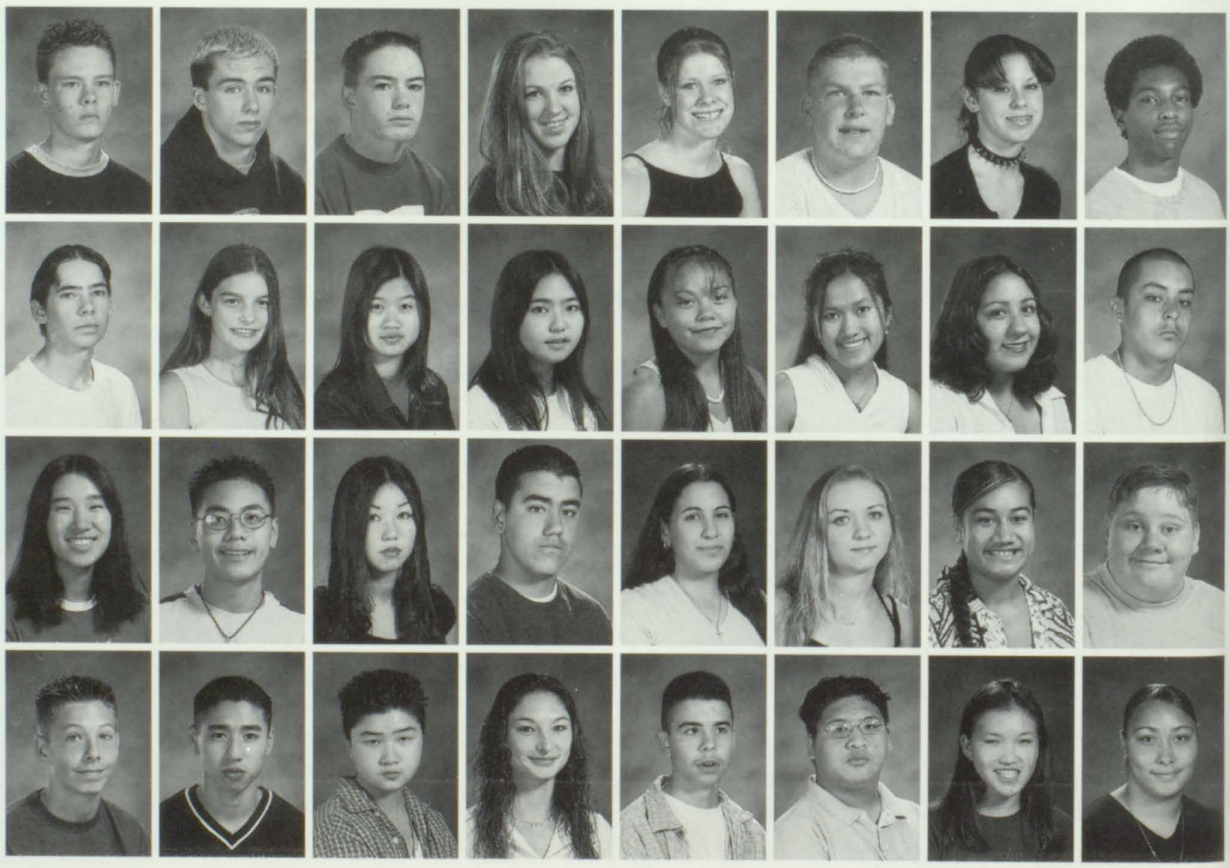


By Yan Min Hong

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a family member who also went to Irvington? How about a twin? Sophomores Joelene and Vanessa Sandoval give us their insights on what it's like...

Q: How are your school days?

'Pretty normal. At times we are confused for one another by teachers and students.'

Q: How do you feel when you're confused for each other?

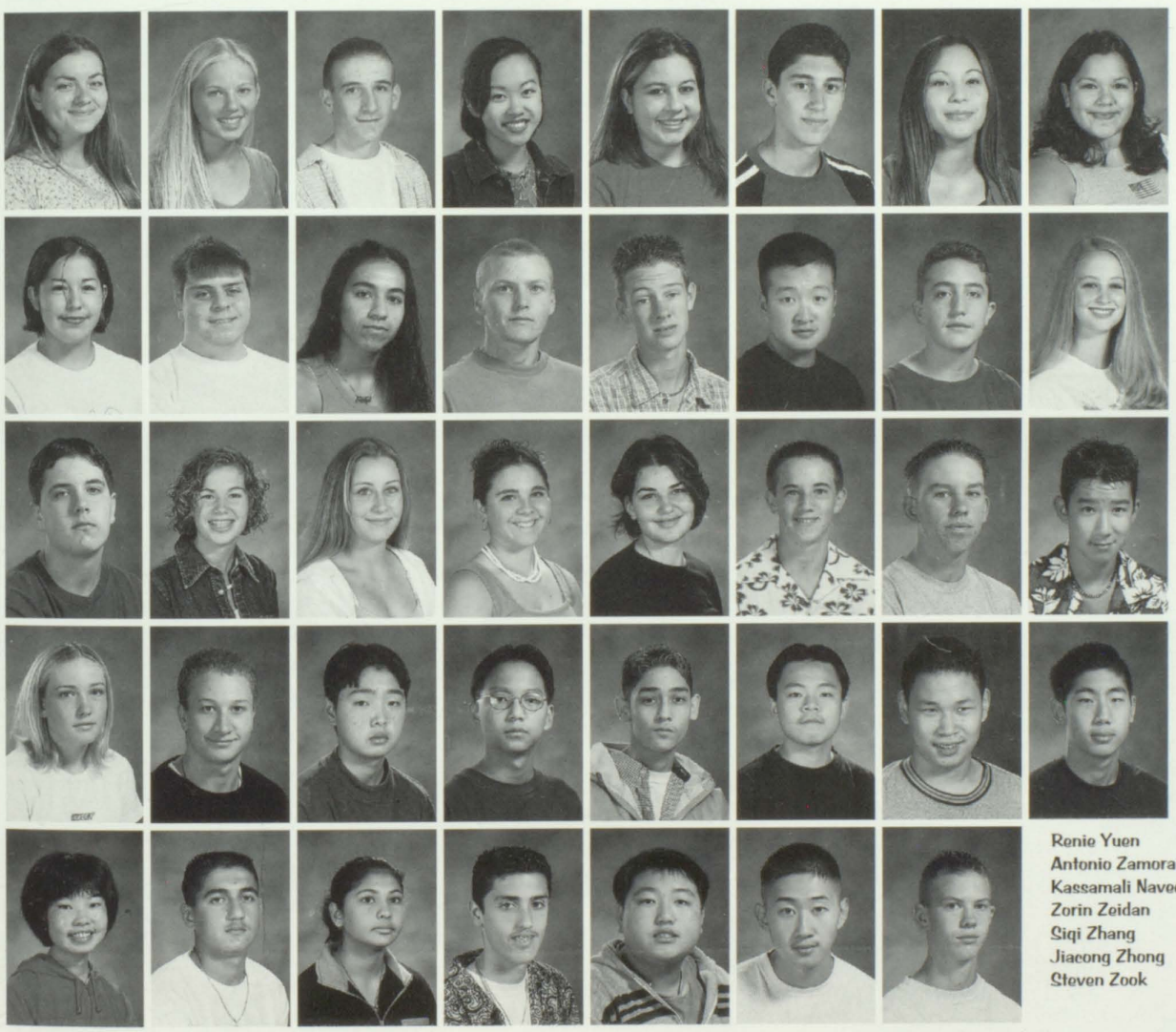
'We understand why it happens, so we don't think much about it.'

Q: Do you like being at the same school?

'We love having each other at school, because we always have someone to talk to and stuff.'

Q: What else do you like to do together?

'It would be fun to go on double dates.'



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Kassamali Naveen Zehra
Zorin Zeidan
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POMS

On their way to Oz, Dorothy (Allison Zuckerman) and the Tin Man (Natalie Burnham), confront a flying Newark monkey (Shawnna Denos). The juniors' skit was reminiscent of the classic film, with a cackling witch, kneeless Munchkins, and swirling checkerboard tornadoes.

Loud raucous cheering in the courtyard...that's how you win Homecoming! Jessica Supnet, Katrina Gonzalez, Melody Fontanilla, and Tan Tran contribute to their class's score by busting their lungs out in a round of courtyard cheering.

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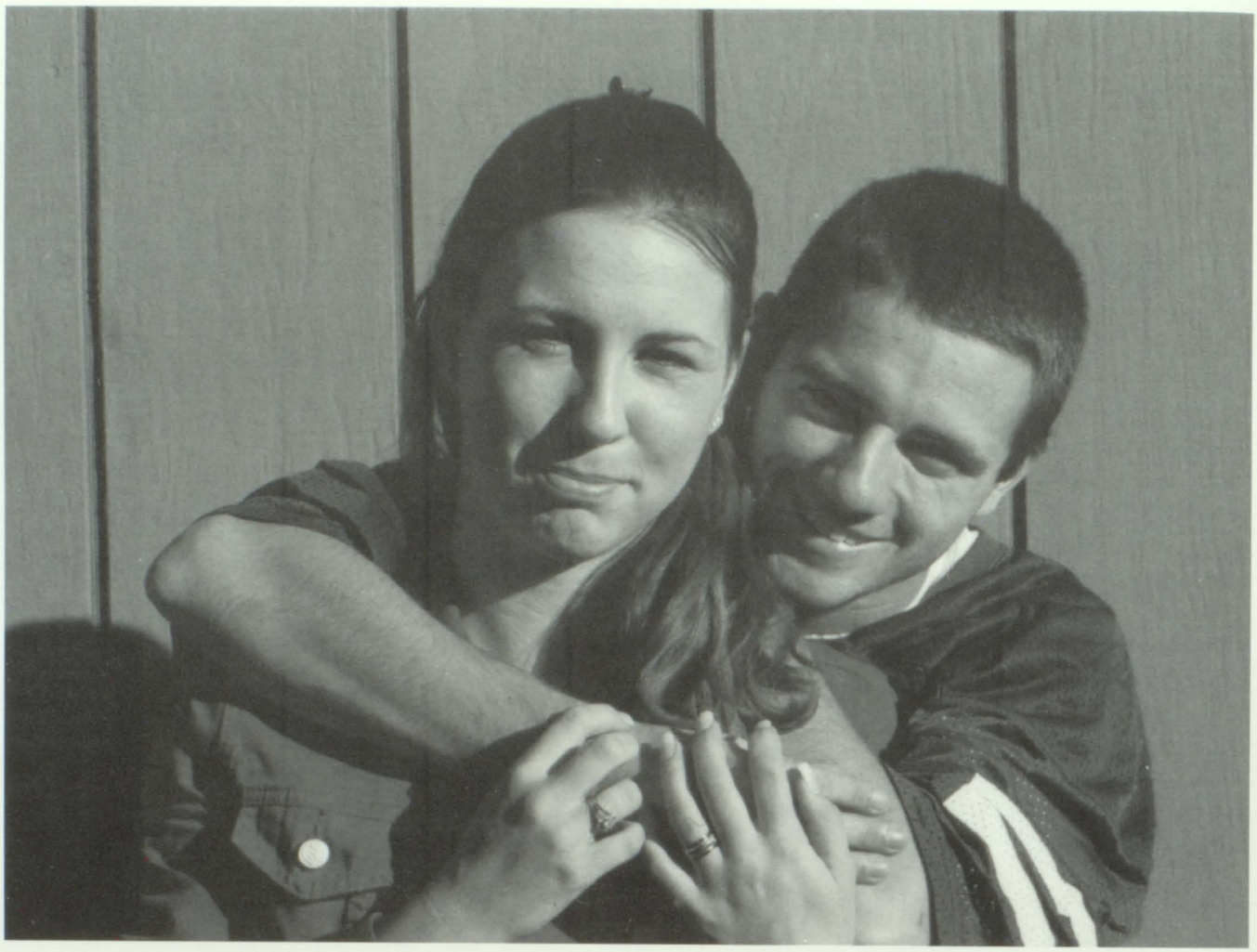
Greg Rose studies the names of sponsors engraved into the brick path in the 200 wing. Parents, students, alumni and staff were also invited to leave a lasting imprint on Irvtown's campus by buying a seat in the newly renovated Valhalla.

Everyone says junior year is the hardest. SATs. AP classes. DMV exams. Yes, eleventh grade is an extremely challenging year. But what about the perks? Junior prom. Parking permits. More elective choices.

The challenges of junior year, though sometimes brutal, are also what make it so rewarding. If you can survive, and even excel, you can probably do just about anything. And at any rate, it's the one year where you don't have to worry about a benchmark project...yet.

This is the year you really start to become an adult, to take on more responsibilities and make your own choices. In most other industrialzed nations, mandatory schooling ends at sixteen. Although the US is a bit out of step (how about that metric system?) we do acknowledge that sixteen-year-olds require a different curriculum than younger students. At Irvington, we offer several English/Social Studies options to our juniors: AP, American Studies, and regular college prep. Upper level electives are also available to those who want to explore their varied talents. All of these are complemented by a variety of extracurricular activities that encourage students to stretch their imaginations and get involved. So you see, how hard your junior year is depends largely on how you look at things.

Percival Delacruz, Erwin David, and Chevas Campbell puzzle over a geometry question in Ms. Tai's CPM 2 class during sixth period. Learning to work together helps everyone achieve a thorough understanding of the subject.



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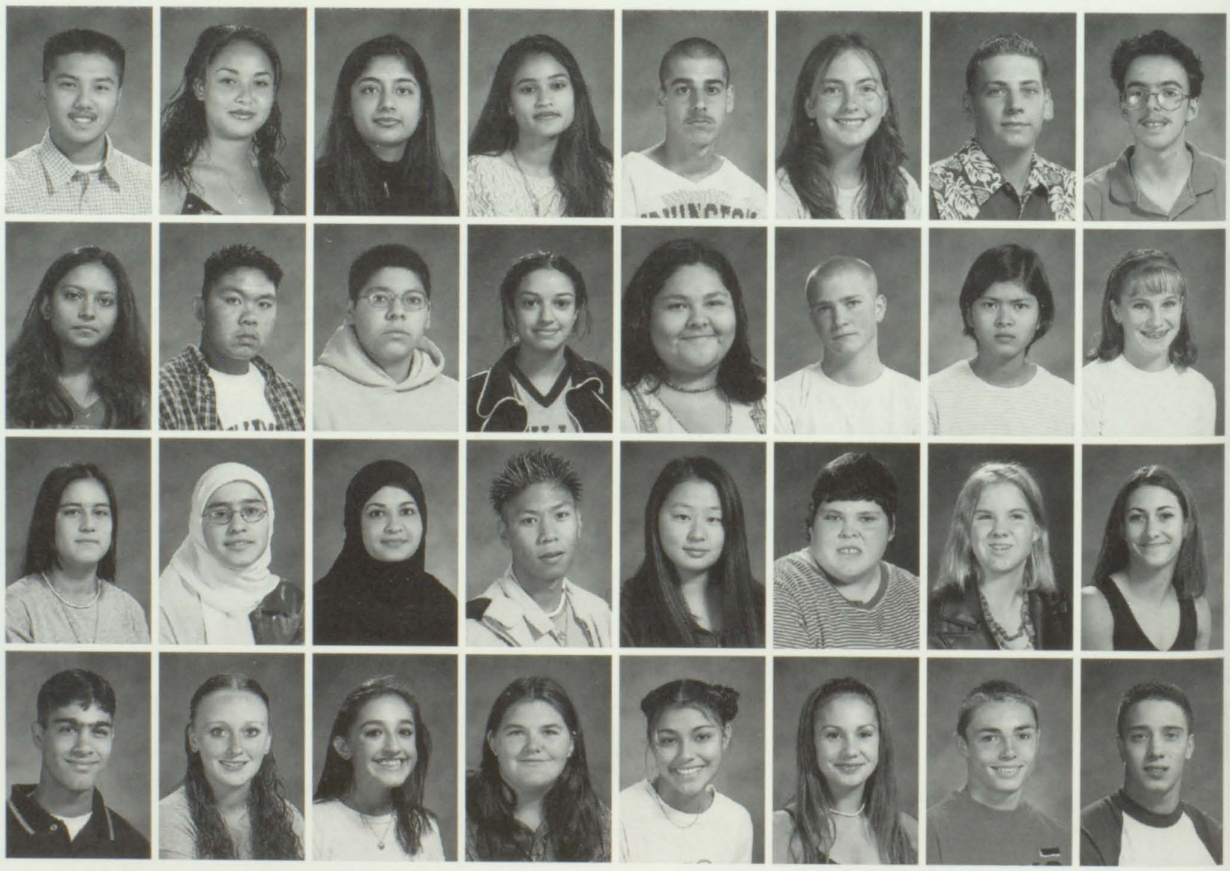


Leaders of the Viking Ship

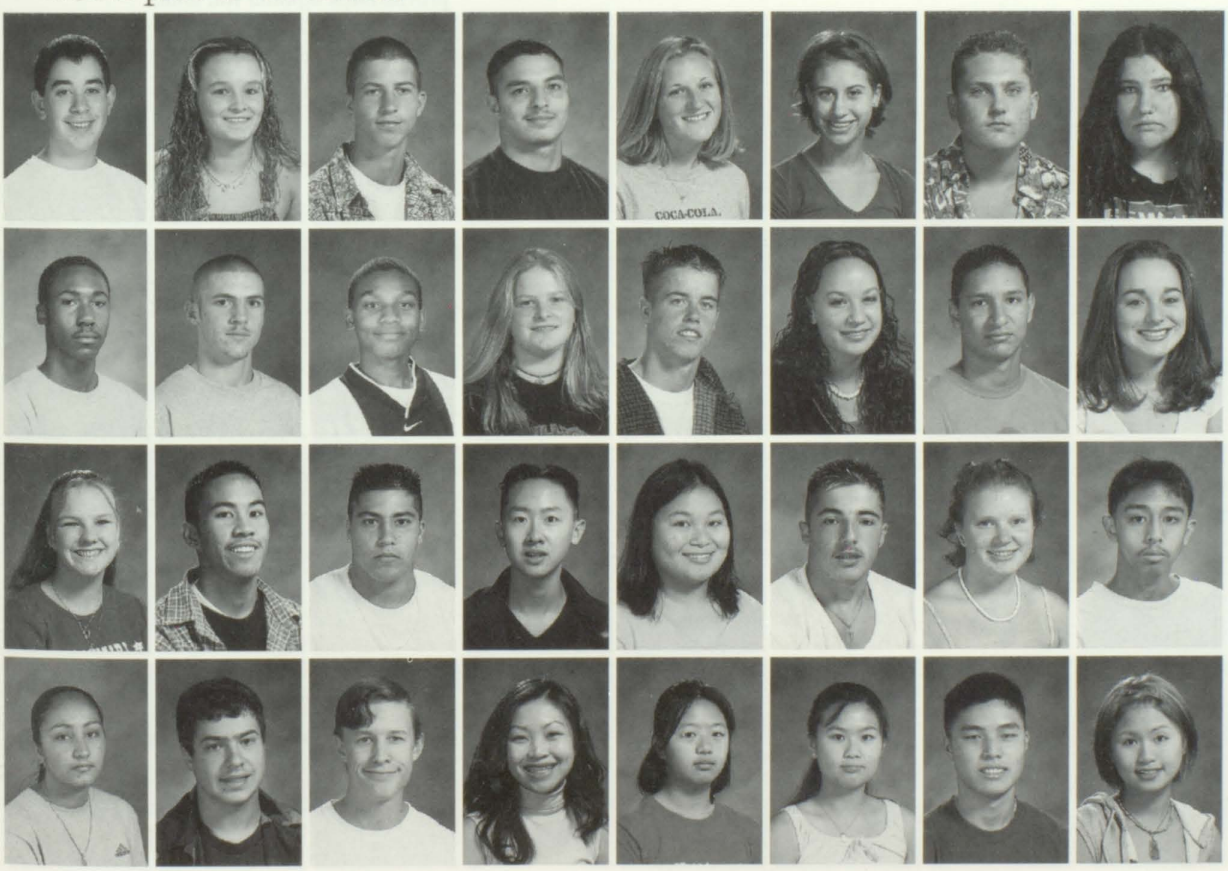
By Jackie Lean

Junior class Vice President, Danielle Hitchcock, decided to run for V.P because she wanted to be more involved and get the junior class to participate more in activities like Spirit Week (which includes bench-building, skits, and dances) as well as the schools Spring Activities. She felt like the class of 2002 needed more spirit and unity, and she wanted to help bring the juniors what they were lacking.

Danielle says, 'For the class to excel, we need unity as well as a variety of people. Having the same students representing our class in school events all the time doesn't show junior class spirit.' She hopes, with Junior Class President Nick Regopulous's help, to reach out to the Juniors that wouldn't regularly take part in school events and get them to be a part of the action.

Nick Regopulous ran for President because he feels he can make the class of 2002 the best it can be. With his creative imagination, he wants to make this year a year that we will never forget. He wants students to feel they can come to him with their ideas and has every intention of taking them into consideration. He feels the Juniors should have a lot of spirit, which he hopes will not only get them involved more, but prove to all the other classes how great the class of 2002 really is.

Nicks job of being the President includes running fundraisers and committees that help decide the fate of 02. The job does take a lot of Nicks spare time, but he feels like it is all worth it because he gets back as much as he gives. 'I enjoy being the boss,' says Nick.



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Noel Brown
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Sonchal Burks
Steven Burks
Natalie Burnham

Jenna Butler
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Javier Camacho
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Beverly Carabuena
Richard Cardadeiro
Melody Castro
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Justin Chaikin
Jonathan Champ
Karen Chan
Nicole Chan
Sandy Chan
Tony Chan
Jennifer Chao

By Mariella Ruezga

Irvington has a long tradition of alumni who proudly send their children to their alma mater. In some cases, a student is following in the footsteps of more than one family member. Cassi Perez is the fifteenth person in her famliy to attend Irvington High School. Her Mom, Dad, three cousins, her brother and six uncles and two aunts have all attended Irvington. Of these fourteen relatives, eight graduated with an IHS diploma.

She reports that her family still maintains relationships with high school friends. For instance, her cousin, Jennifer Perez '94, recently served as bridesmaid at the wedding of her best friend from high school. Speaking of weddings, Cassis other cousin, Stacey Perez '96, is now married to her high school sweetheart, Marcos Patino, who also went to Irvington. They have been together for about nine years with a six year old son, Markie, and a newborn daughter, Savannah.

Cassi's mother, who graduated in the class of 1977, told her a story about her days on the Irvington track team. She fell while running a marathon and twisted her ankle. Since she couldn't run anymore, her coach asked her if she would do the shotput event because the person who was supposed to do it wasn't there and there was no one else. Although Mrs. Perez had never competed in the shotput, she decided to do it anyway. She took first place in that event and limped away with a gold medal around her neck and a smile on her face.

Just one big happy Irvington family out for a night of pizza and beverages. Mr. and Mrs. Perez beam over their Viking children. Stacey holds baby Savannah, while little Markie tries to duck the camera's lens. Jennifer keeps a low profile back against the wall.

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Mary Creasman
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Nichole Cunha
Jeremy Cunningham
Tina Dannenbrink

Erwin David
Lorelia Davis
Ramona Dean
Brian Deburr
Percival Delacruz
Kristine Delarosa
Christopher Deluz
Jason Demeulenaere

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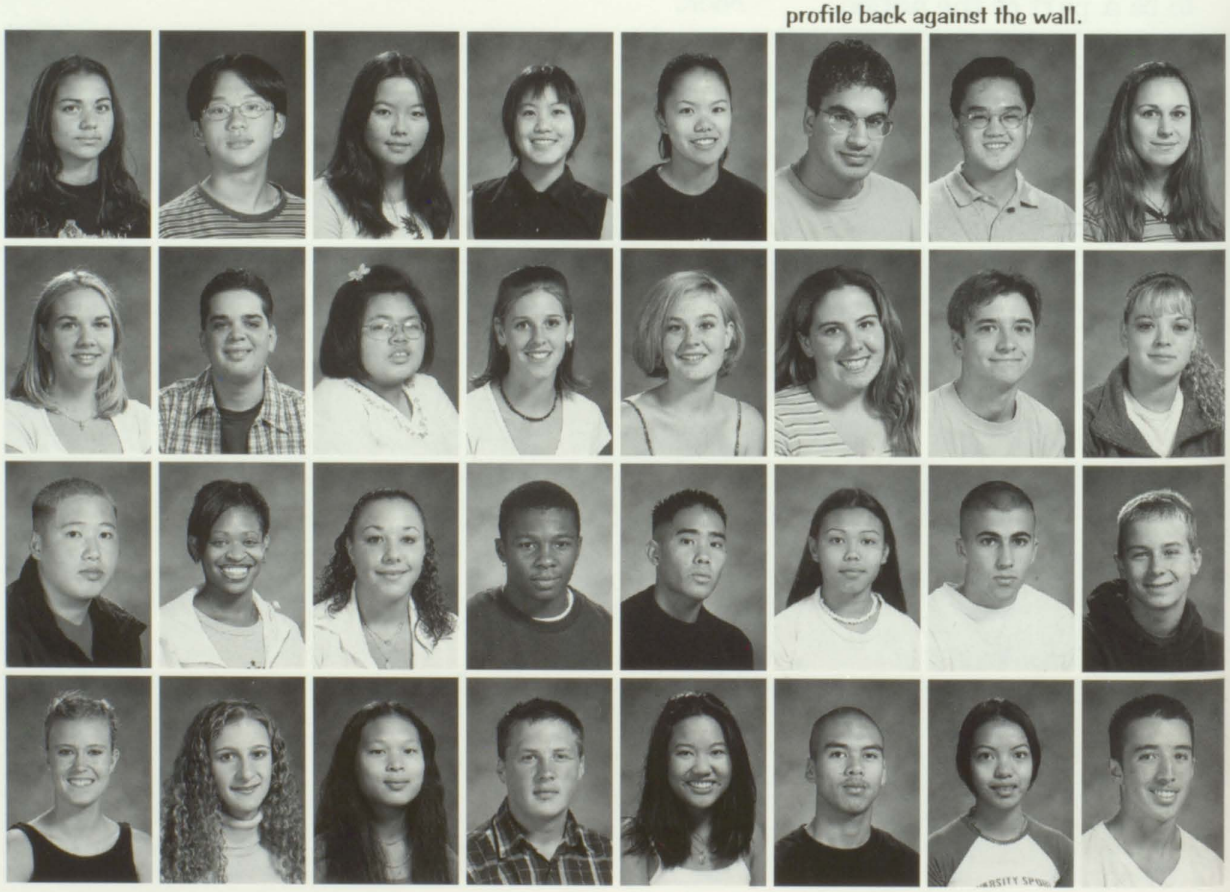
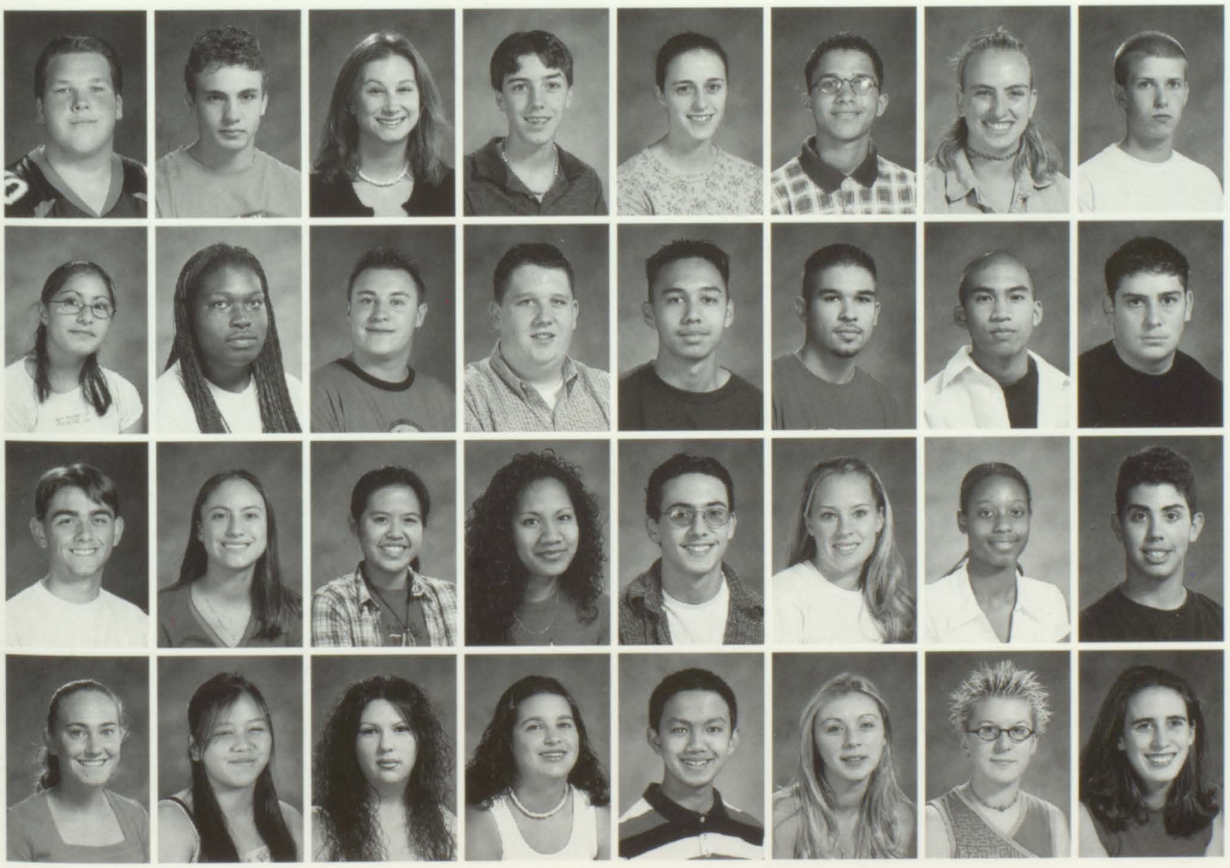


A Family Tradition



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Carlos Farias
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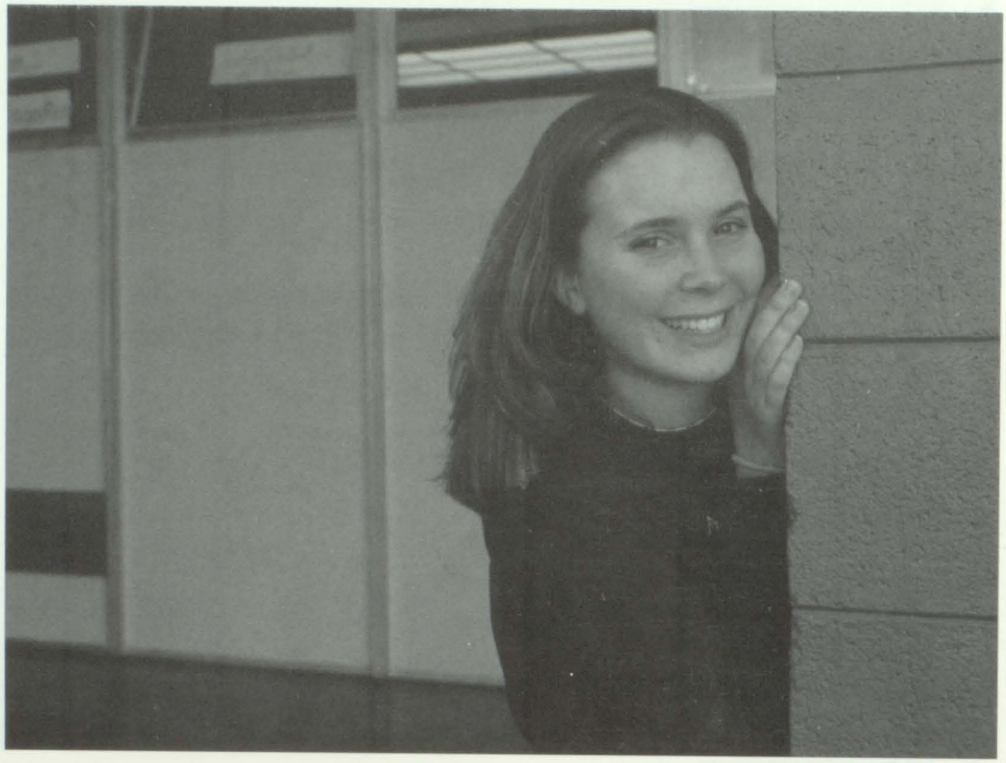
A Blast from the Past



Melanie Kerns re-enacts her game of hide and seek with her brother Aaron in the IHS courtyard. The siblings get along better now.

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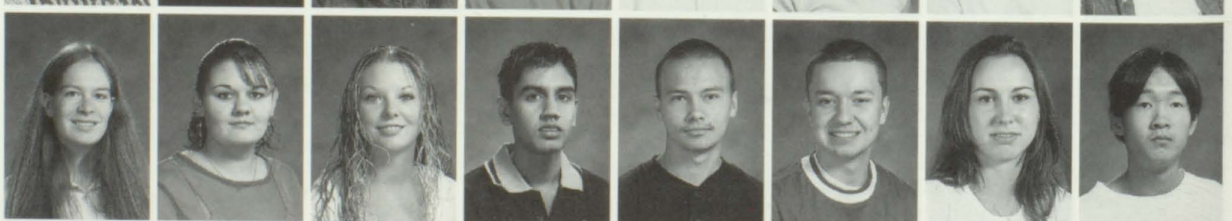

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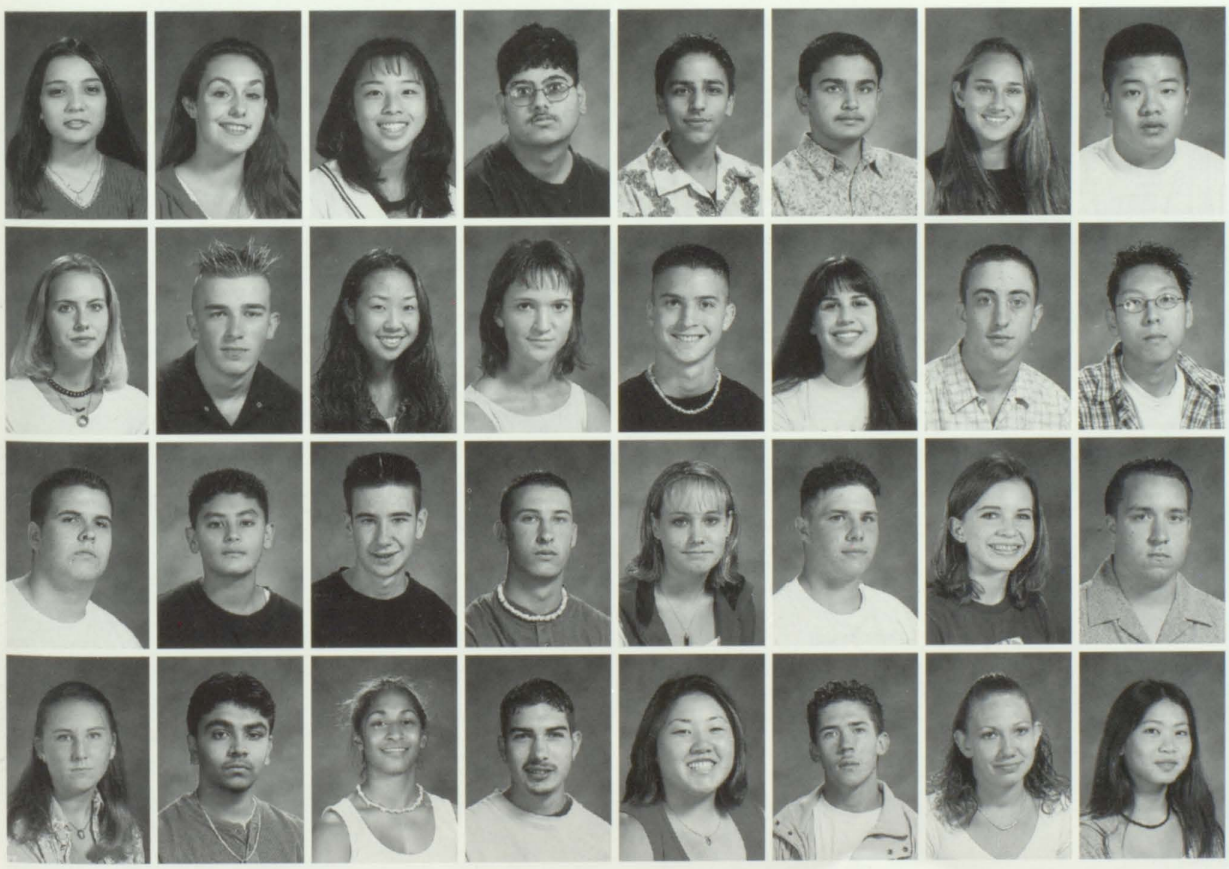
Jennifer Holley
Jennifer Hopkins
Elaine Hsu
Robert Hughes
Stanley Hung

By Susanna Tuan

It all started out as a typical sleep over for six year old Melanie Kerns and Amanda Lumely. The adults had left for the day and the morning was off to a slow start. They wanted to add some excitement into the get together. The two, fun seeking girls thought it would be funny to put make up on their sleeping nine year old brother, Aaron, who hadn't woken up yet. They decided to cover his whole face a a mixture of foundation, lipstick eye shawdow and whatever else they could get their little hands on.

When they were done decorating Aaron they decided to wake him up. He did not wake up as a happy camper. In fact he ,was furious. He chased his little sister Melanie out into the garage while Amanda, her loyal friend continually sprayed him with hairspray to get him to stop. The chase eventually ended up in the garage where Aaron stripped off Melanies clothes and left her naked. He locked the garage door and Melanie hid in the hamper for the rest of the morning until her mother came home and rescued her.

What seemed like a horror story years ago now makes for a funny one. Ten years later, at age sixteen Melanie lives to tell the tale to our Saga Staff.



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So Many Electives, So Little Time

By Mariella Ruezga

When Junior year came around, Falynn LeHouillier was excited to have four electives and only two mandatory classes. It is less stress, since I have to work and all. School is more interesting because most of my classes are ones I chose.

One of her elective classes is Merchandising/Marketing (DECA). This class helps her develop job skills as well as earn credits for graduation. In DECA, she also learns to focus on her career goals in life through real-life work experience.

Another exciting elective class is, Photography. Since she wants to become a professional photographer, this class should be useful. Combined with DECA, she is already working towards her goal of running her own photo studio.

All of Falynn's classes are artistically oriented which suits her inclinations. Having a solid background and plenty of experience in this field will provide her with a better chance for success in the future.

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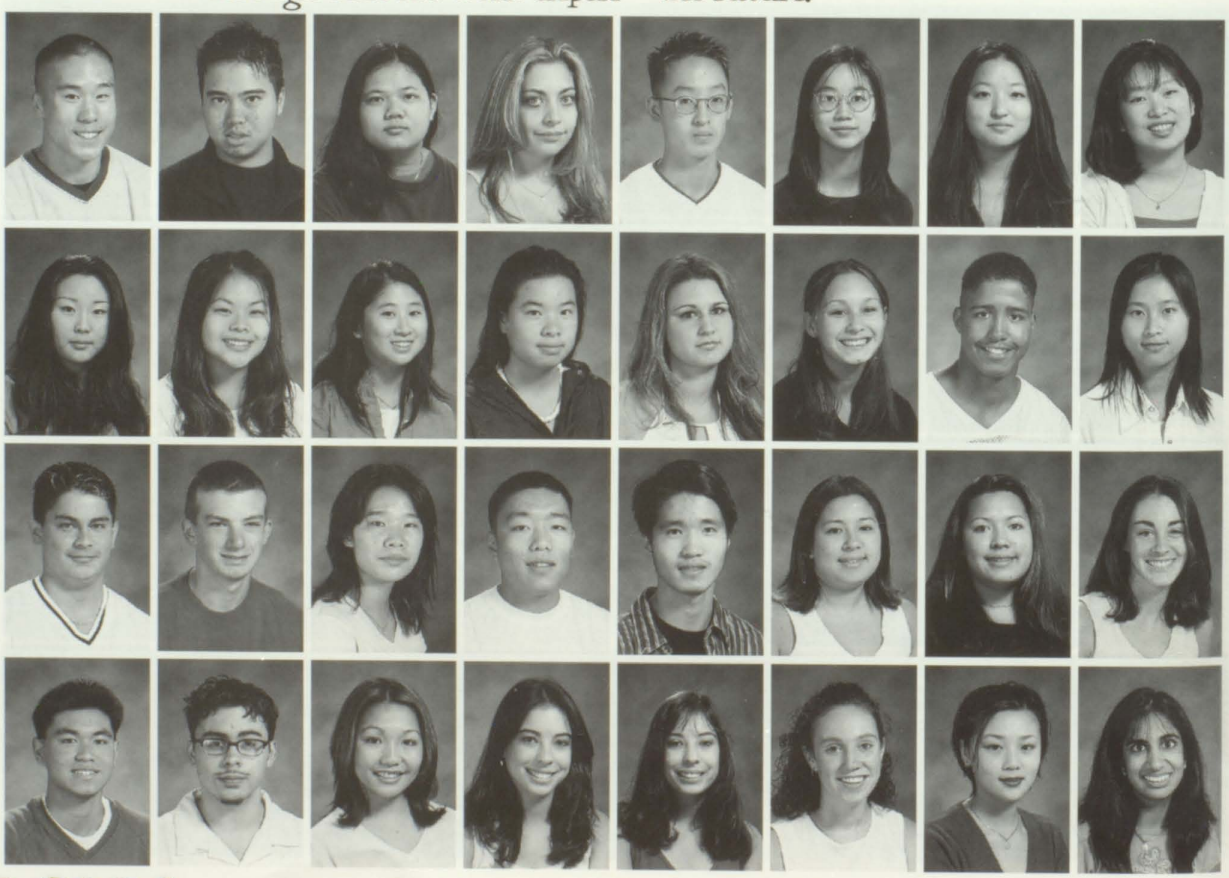

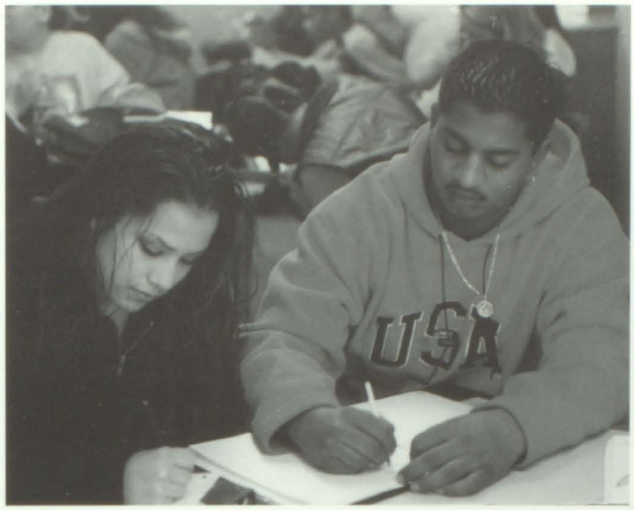

Mariella Ruezga and Jay Singh pore over their journals in Ms. Brazill's second period American Studies class. Although this class fulfills graduation requirements, it's considered an elective choice because students must choose it over the basic requirements of English 11 and American History.

After finishing his tasks as Mr. Huckaby's TA, Jacob Stone has some free time to read the sports section. He must be done with his homework, too.

Falynn LeHoullier and Saskya Russell enjoy a lively discussion of marketing strategies during Ms. Merlin's DECA class. They're preparing for the GM Lab.

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Jessica Montecinos
Michael Montoya
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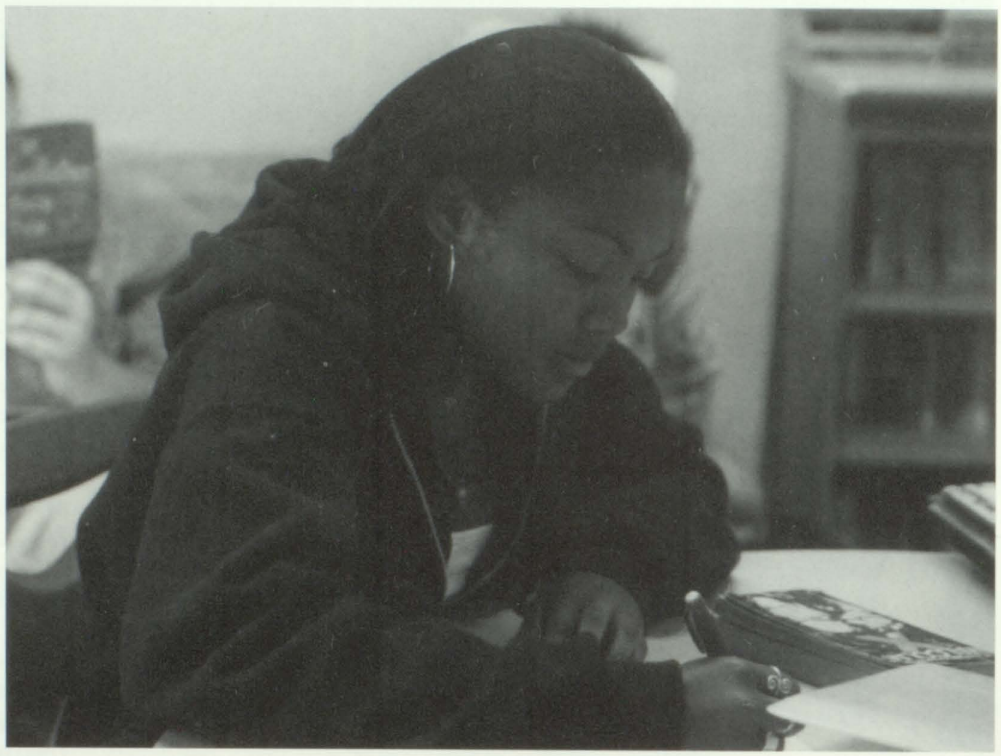
Three Down, One to Go

Corinne Payton spends her mornings in American Studies, five days a week. Many eleventh graders opt for the integrated curriculum of this English/Social Studies class because they appreciate the connections made between the disciplines.



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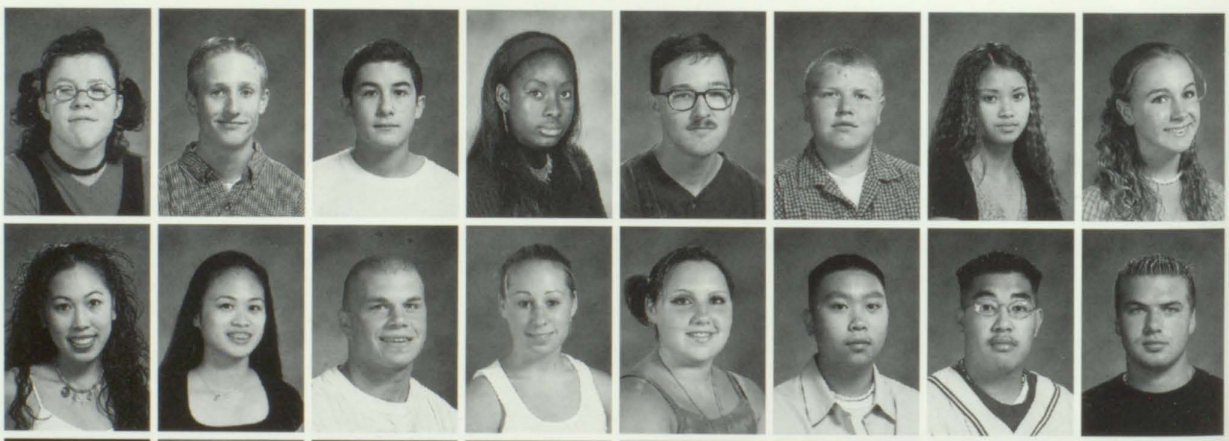

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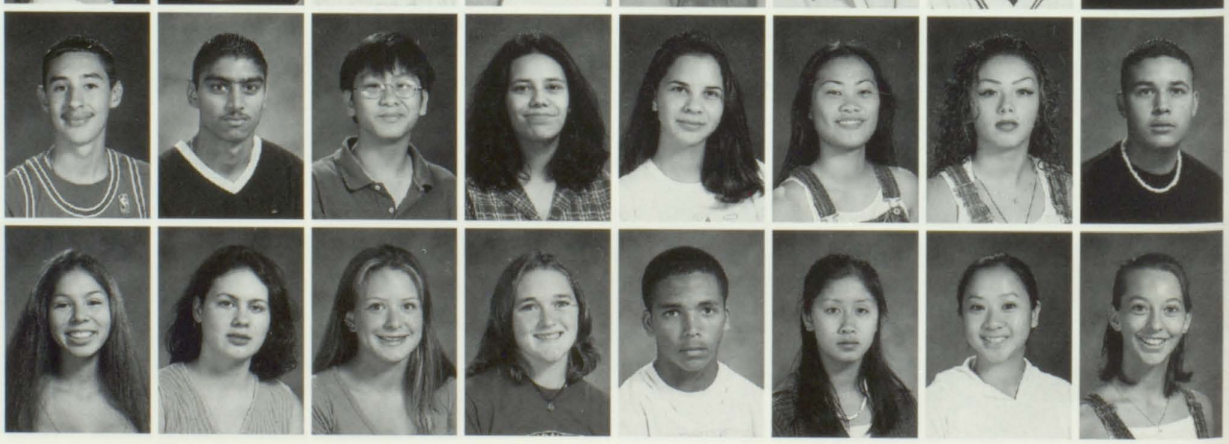

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By Mariella Ruezga

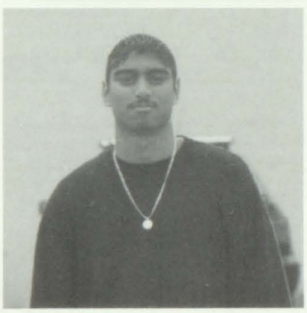
When Irvington juniors are asked about their high school experience, they have a lot to say. After all, they know the ropes now, having been here for three years. Only one more year in the sanctuary of high school to go before they're dumped into harsh world of reality.

Tutorials have really helped me because it gives me time to get what I need to get done during school hours.

Arpana Kama

High school has gone by fast. In a way Im glad, but Im also not because its going to get a lot harder when Im out.

Amy Soria



The counselors are always there when you need them.

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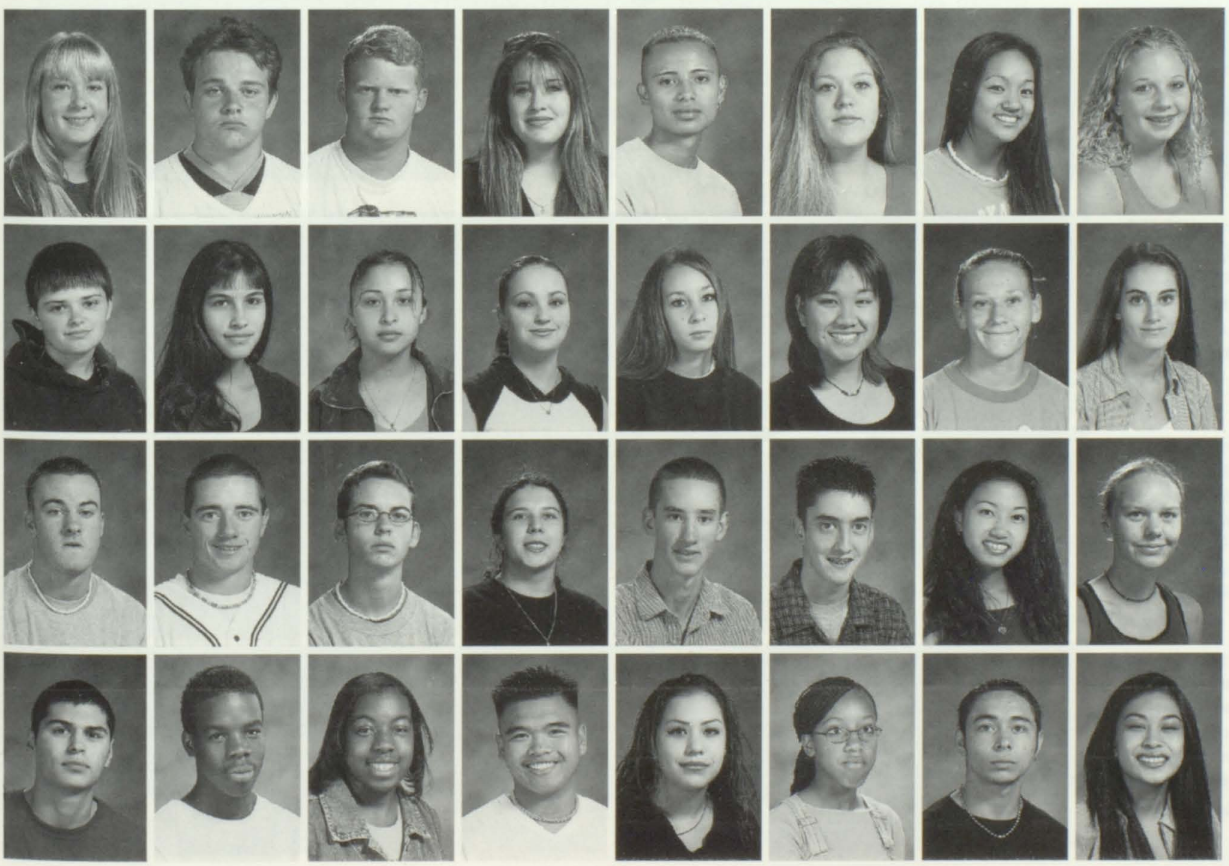

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Guadalupe Radillo
Karina Radzivilovsky
Veronica Ramirez
Erika Ramos
Nicole Ramsay
Sarah Ranalli

David Redgrave
Nicholas Regopoulos
Sean Reilly
Dana Richmond
Robert Rinck
Christopher Robison
Lilace Ronolo
Holly Root

Gregory Rose
Matthew Rose
Monica Rose
Russell Rose
Mariella Ruezga
Saskya Russell
Arsenio Salangsang
Destinee Salangsang

Can't Stop the Hip-Hop

By Cassi Perez

At the age of 11, Cody Smith, AKA Codeezy, became interested in dancing hip hop and house. He got into dancing because it was something everybody around him was doing, so it inspired him to start. When he started dancing, he learned all his dance moves from his peers. After a year of learning from his friends he wanted to get more professional. Cody has been dancing in the studio for five years now.

Dancing for him is fun and keeps him in shape. He has been to four competitions in one month, all of which he won. He has also won specialty awards such as, Judges Award, Best Performance, Most Original, and Most Entertaining. The competitions that he has been involved with are Dance Rave, Show Stoppers, Star Power, and I.D.C., which stands for International Dance Challenge. Cody also danced for Mervyn's, which was a sponsored event that included AIDS Walk 2000. Cody usually dances voluntarily but does get paid sometimes.

Hes performed at numerous car shows all over the Bay Area. His performance group is called OC which stands for Organized Chaos. They practice at Center Stage Dance Company. Other OC group members also attend Irvington. The group just established a web site, www.wreckenshop.com, which is an online society for dancers, party people like DJs, MCs, singers, and promoters. It features pictures of Codeezy and his friends as well as other dancers from all over the world.

Noah Salazar
Maria Salido
Ivan Salinas
Natalia Sanchez
Albert Sandoval
Miguel Sandoval
Elizabeth Sauer

Raluca Scarlat
Jennifer Schaak
Shirley Schamel
William Schmidt
Alex Schwitalla
Ariel Schwitalla
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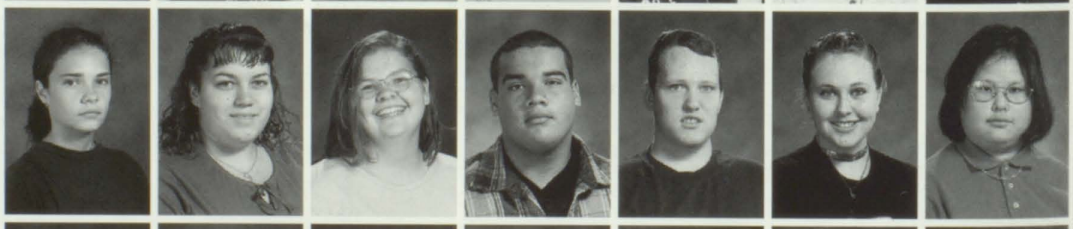

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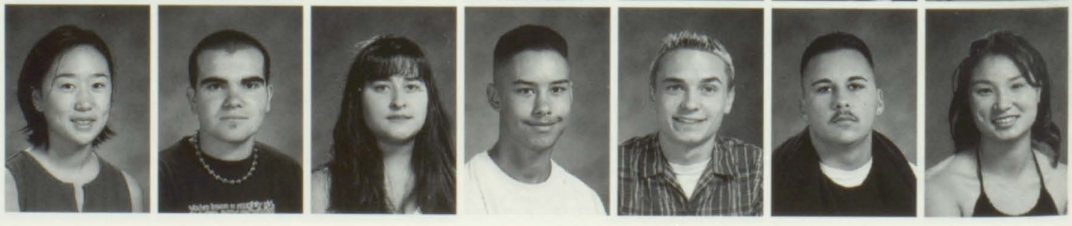

Cody Smith demonstrates his prodigious gravity-defying talents. Imagine the bruising workouts he endured to perfect this move.

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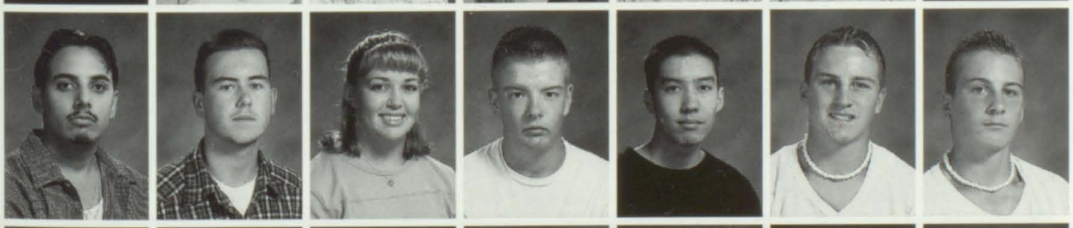
Leah Skillern
Cody Smith
Rahim Sonawalla
Amy Soria



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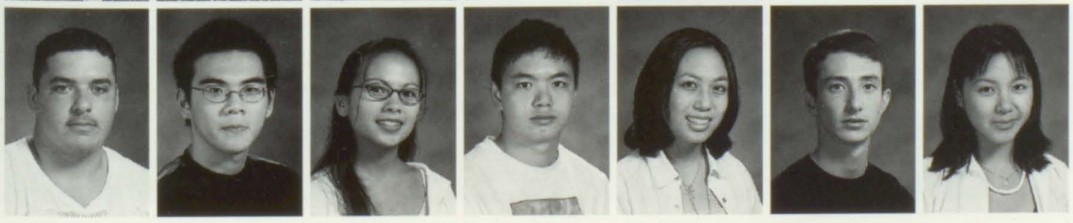

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Vincent Sudharmadji
Jessica Supnet
Jiang Sutikto
Katherine Tadina
Alex Taguchi
Marcia Tai

One Fine Day

By Susanna Tuan

Do you know what its like to be a junior at Irvington High School? We asked Danielle Perez to describe a typical day in her life, and this is what she told us...

Danielle wakes up at around 6:50. It takes her only twenty minutes to get ready for school before she is picked up for school by her friend Mariella Ruezga.

She doesn't really hang out anywhere before school because they always get onto school grounds right when the bell rings, so she heads straight to first period American Lit with Ms. Ernst out in the T-wing. After English, Danielle treks across campus to Mrs. Paulsen's Stitchery class, where she spends a period on the sewing machines in room 106. After second period, there is a short break with just enough time for her to eat a quick snack and check over her homework assignments. Then its off to slave over a hot stove in room 14. If she's lucky, they'll make some sort of yummy snack in Culinary Arts to tide her over until lunch. After an hour with Ms. Hashimoto, she heads off to join Ms. Roman in the SmartLab for Digital Drawing.

It is finally lunch. Danielle and her friends usually go to Jack-in-the-Box to eat. Then she promptly arrives back at school just in time to start fifth period. She has Photography, also with Ms. Roman, in room 73. Luckily the construction is finally done in there, so they get some darkroom time. Lastly she goes to have US history with Mr. Azevada out in the 200 wing.

Finally the school day is over but that doesn't mean she gets to rest. Now Danielle heads off to dance class at Center Stage. Afterwards she finally gets the chance to do her homework and eat dinner. Finally, she gets ready for bed so she can start all over the next day.

Christoph Takeda
Wendy Talley
Ivanhoe Tamse
Taurin Tan-Atichat
Sandeep Thiara
Amy Thomas
Ryan Thomas

Michelle Thurman
Anthony Torres
Heather Tosta
Marie Tran
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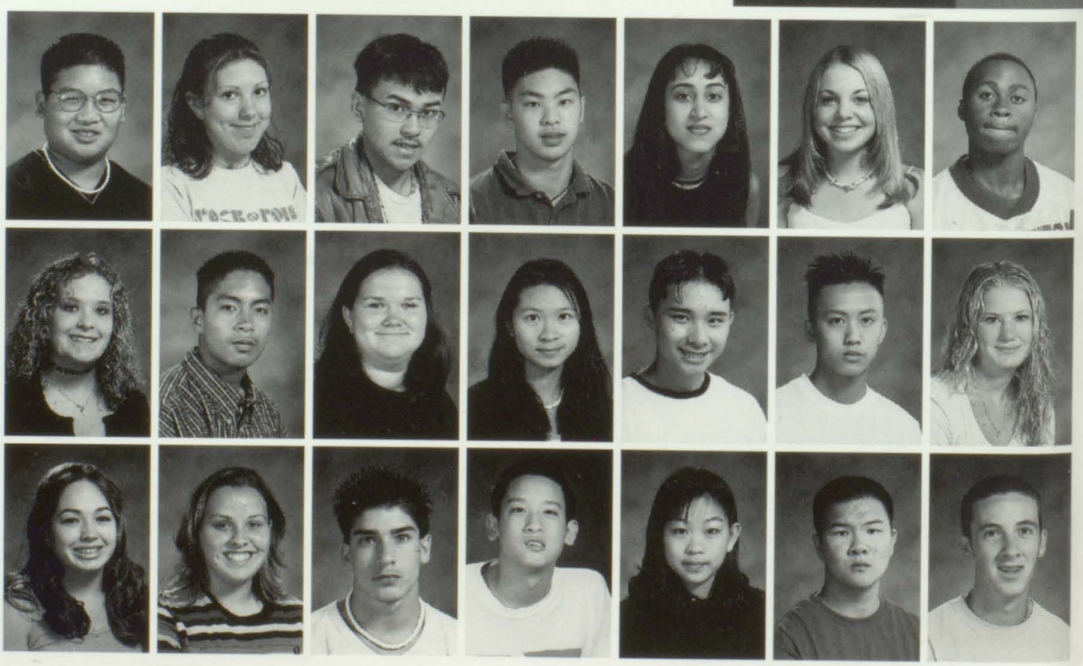
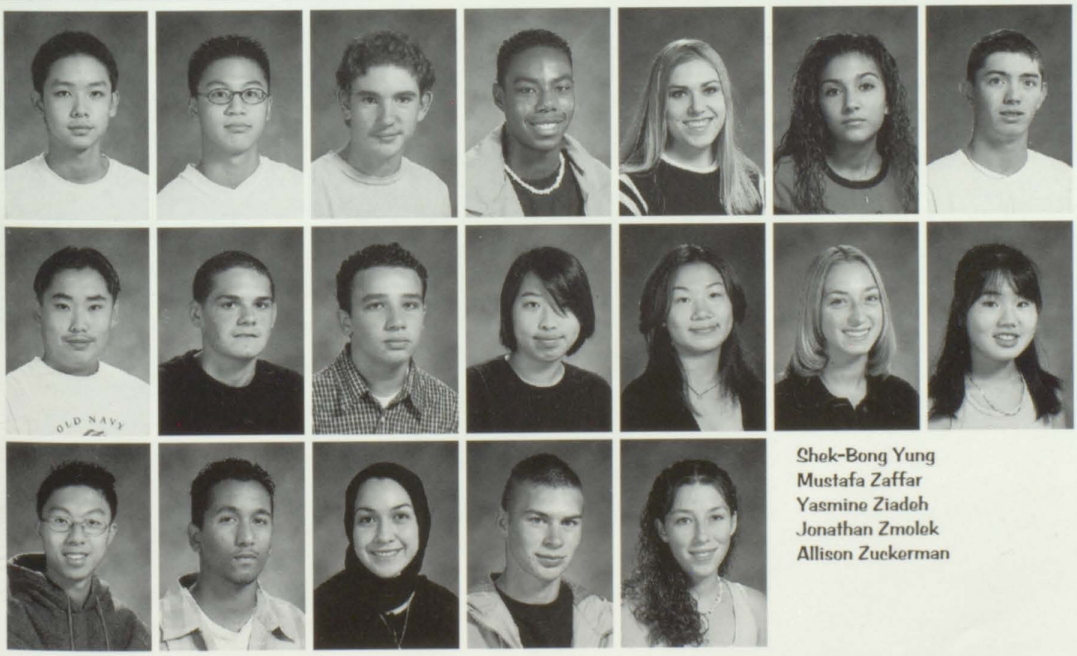


Volunteering at the MEChA Cotton Candy booth during Multicultural Week, Danielle Perez tastes the wares to make sure they meet FDA standards. This fundraiser helps pay for field trips and other events sponsored by the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan.

Starting a batch of nachos in Culinary Arts, Danielle can't wait to enjoy this warm snack on a cold day in February. It's important that she keeps her hair tied back in this class, both to keep loose hairs out of the food and to keep cheese sauce off of her head.



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Nick Wang
Christopher Warmack
Julian Williams
Anna Winget
Christina Winters
Jason Witt

Phillip Wong
Craig Wyhs
Yuri Yakubov
Tzu Yeh
Joso Yip
Ashley Young
Irene Yuen

Shek-Bong Yung
Mustafa Zaffar
Yasmine Ziadeh
Jonathan Zmolek
Allison Zuckerman

CLASS ACTS

Quynh Nguyen hangs collages of World War II photographs on the walls of Norse Hall for a presentation on Children of the Holocaust. This performance featured dramatic first-person accounts of what young people endured during those years.

Rebecca Rodriguez, Destinee Salangsang, and Dana Torres admire their senior t-shirts. This fundraiser, like the many others held by the class of 2001, is vital because it determines where and when they can afford to hold their Senior Ball.

2001

What does it mean to be a senior?

It means cramming for four AP tests when you thought this year would be a breeze.

It means hanging with your friends as much as possible, because you don't know where you all will be this time next year.

It means feeling affection for your teachers simply because you know youll never have to see them again.

It means keeping your room clean so your mom won't yell at you during your last few months at home.

It means trying to keep your head above water in six day classes and three night classes just to graduate with the class of 2001.

It means that you rule the school because youve been here the longest. To the victor goes the spoils...at least until next year.

It means holding your breath every time you check the mail.

It means taking care of your little freshman sister, just because youre such a nice person.

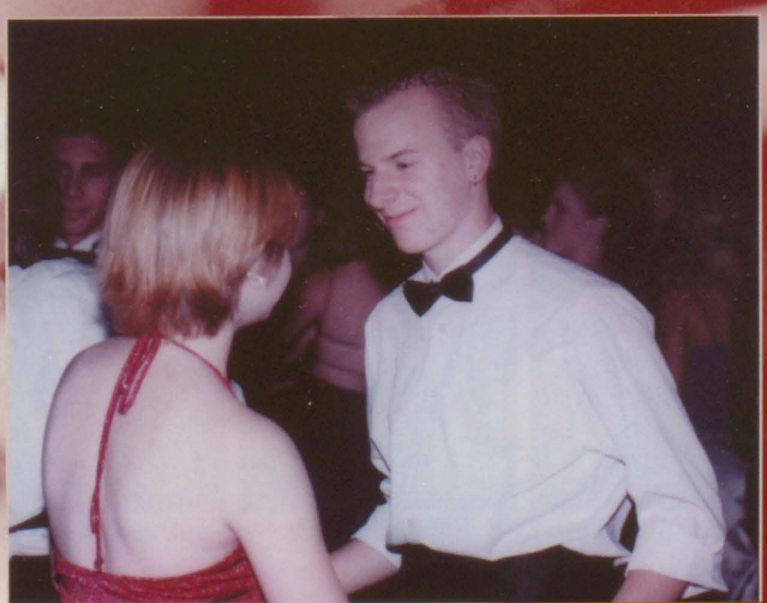
It means QUEST...and deadline after deadline.

It means more all-nighters and pots of coffee than you thought you could drink. And what you don't know is theres MORE of them in college.

It means the end of most high school romances...but not all of them. Keep your fingers crossed.

It means youre almost out of here. And you might not believe it now, but youll miss it, all of it, when youre gone.

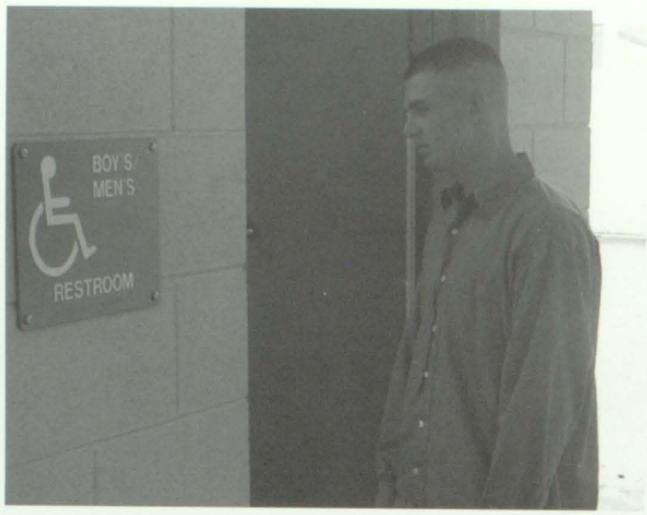
Mike LaPlante and his date strut their stuff at the Winter Ball. Although attendance was somewhat low this year, those who went had a blast.

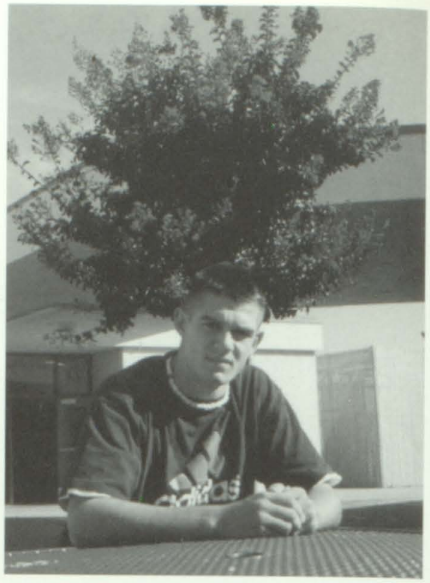


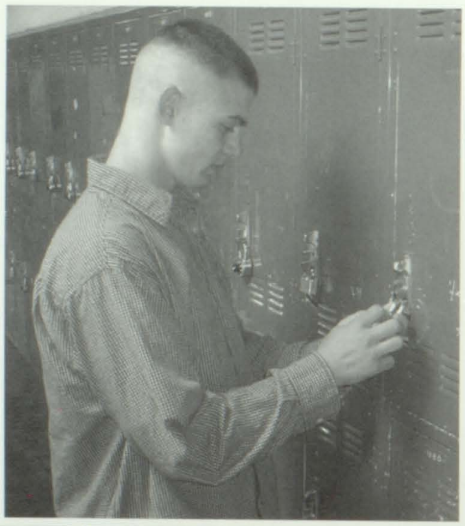
Taking a breather from the dancefloor, Anh Nguyen, Elisa Lee, and Lisa Ton rest on a courtyard table during the Hello Dance. This beautiful autumn night provided a perfect backdrop to the first dance of the year.

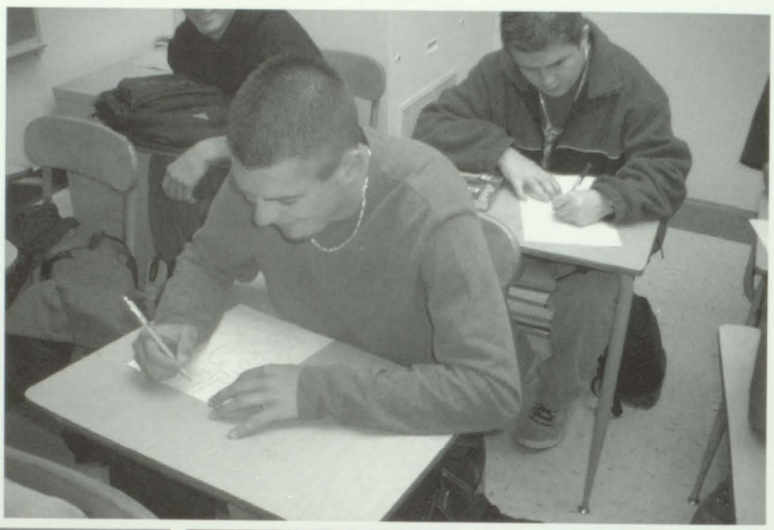
Bathroom break? Nick considers whether it's worth risking a tardy to stop in the boys' room on the way to class. Since some teachers don't let you back out, these decisions can have a powerful effect on a student's concentration.

An Econ test in Mr. Wegenka's class has Nick and his neighbors stressed. At the end of the third quarter, it's coming down to the wire...there's no way to make up second semester classes at night school before graduation.









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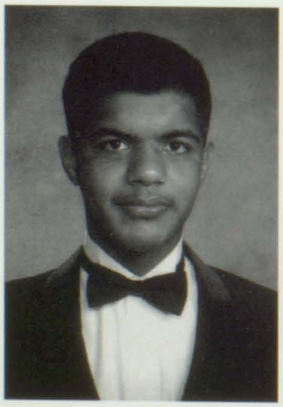

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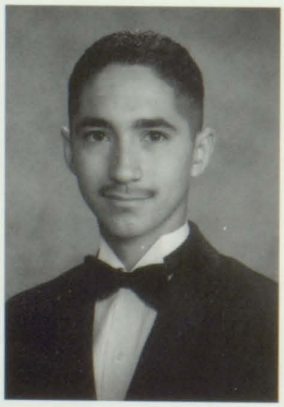

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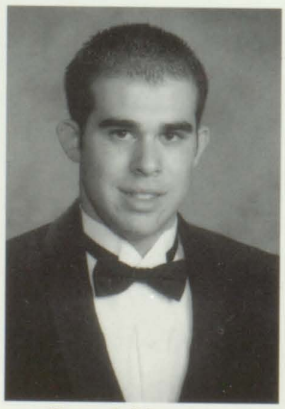

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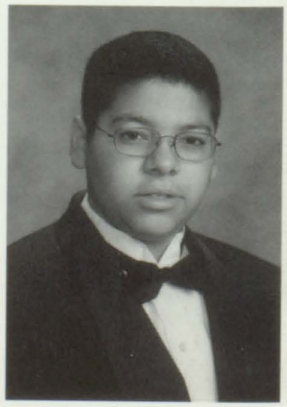


Frank Arevalo

A DAY in the Life

By Eric McCutcheon

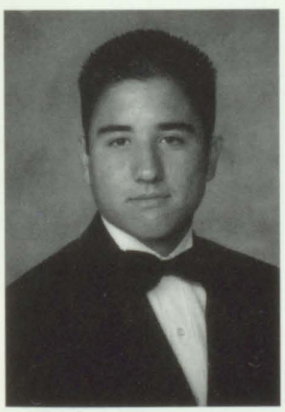
Nick Eckler is not one of your average Irvington students. He is very much involved with our athletic department, playing not only baseball, varsity soccer as well. His class schedule is very unusual and lets him meet all sorts of new people.

His day starts in room 31 with English Study Skills. This study hall period gives Nick a chance to catch up on all his assgnments other classes. He also gets assisstance from Ms. Belinda Brackett on his Quest benchmark project. When his work is done, Nick enjoys passing the time by talking to his friends Joel Murillo and Jason Goldstone.

Second period for Nick is Web Page Design and Technology with Ms. Elba Rios in the SmartLab, room 101A. Before school started, he was a little bit apprehensive, and thought it would be too difficult, but he's found it to be a fascinating class and has learned a lot about the World Wide Web.

In third and fourth period Nick has athletic PE with Mr. Steve Strout and Mr. Jeff Fern. Nick enjoys these classes the most because it further enhances his sports abilities. He also learns responsibility because Mr. Strout makes the students maintain the equipment. The last few minutes of class are reserved for cleanup. But for Nick, the real highlight is chatting with junior classmate, Shawna Denos.

After lunch, Nick attends Mr. Dan Sipsy's English 12A class. This class keeps him busy, and provides more support for his QUEST project, as does his last class of the day, Government/Econ with Mr. Anthony Wegenka. Since these are both graduation requirements, Nick knows they are important to his future.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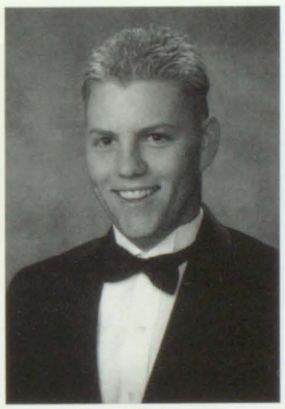
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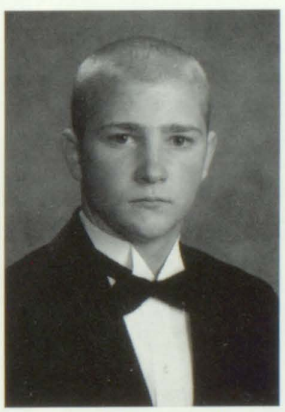
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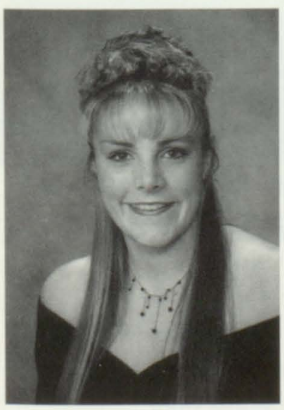
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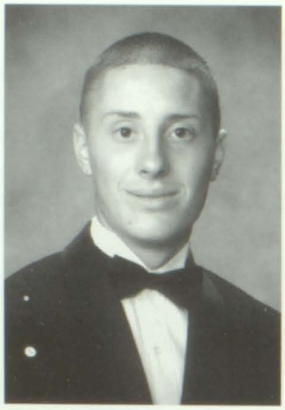
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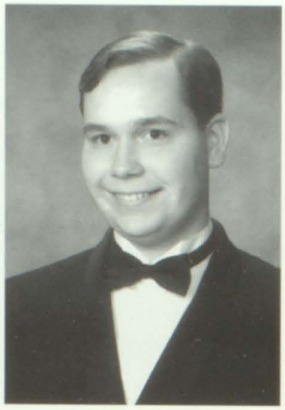
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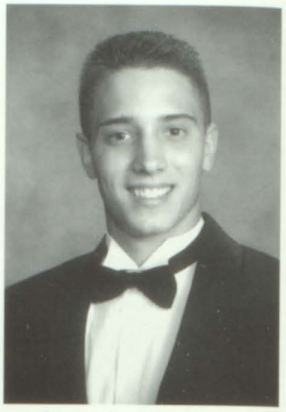
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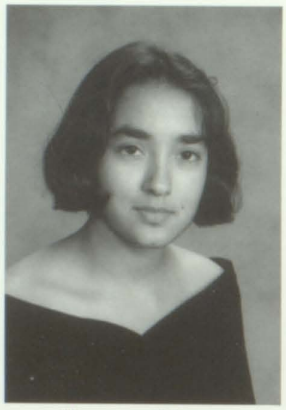
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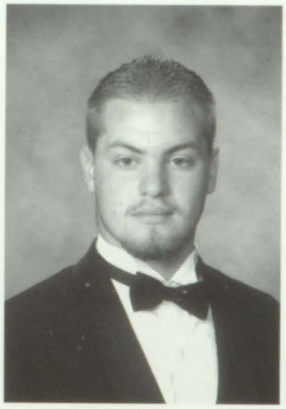
Danny Boswell

Alicia Bowers

By Eric McCutcheon

Isn't Irvtown a small world? Our seniors are connected to so many others in the community. Some carry on the legacy of their loved ones who have already passed through these halls and others have younger siblings through with their legacy will live on at Irvington.

Danielle Garcia's parents both graduated from Irvington High School in 1982. They were high school sweethearts and started dating in their sophmore year. They are very proud that their darling daughter is following in their footsteps as a Viking.

Joey Mackewicz's mom, Sharon Jone, is a member of the class of 1977. She says her high school years were wonderful, she had a lot of fun with her many friends. She's glad that Joey's enjoying his IHS experience as well.

Christina Garcia is the baby Viking of her family. Her brothers Mario (92) and Emmanuel (94) walked these halls before her. There aren't a lot of the same teachers here, so I don't feel like they see me just as the little sister,' she says.

Sometimes siblings attend IHS simultaneously, which brings up a whole different set of issues. For senior Mike Cruz protecting his freshman sister Katrina from guys who are trying to pick up on her has been an interesting experience, 'It's weird that guys my age think my sister is cute.'

As we become Irvington alumni, we carry the Viking spirit out into the world. It's good to know that our baby brothers or sisters will carry on at Old Blue. And who knows? Someday, we might find ourselves in one of those traffic jams on Blacow, dropping off our own kids...the Vikings of the future.

Lillian Bui

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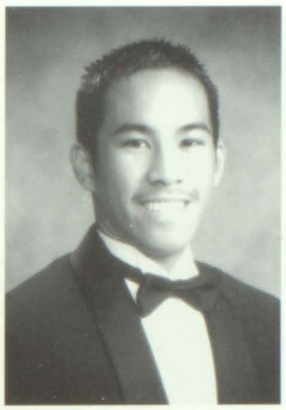

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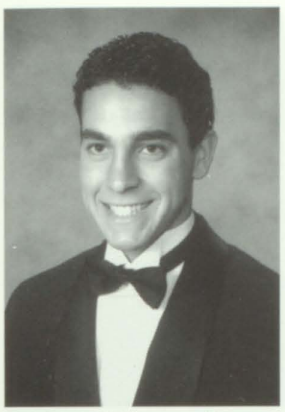

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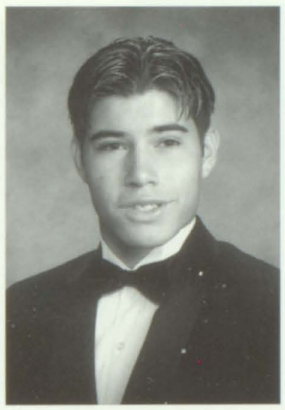

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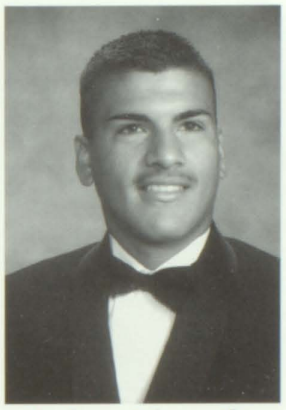


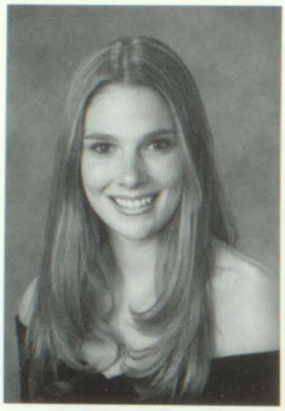
Nathaniel Carvalho

Helen Chan

19 years after her proud parents became IHS alum, Danielle Garcia will follow in their footsteps. Graduation will be deja vu all over again.

Joey Mankiewicz and his mother, Sharon (class of '77) will share more than just a love of chess when Joey graduates this June.

Mike and Katrina Cruz present a unified front. A protective big brother can be an invaluable assess for a freshman girl.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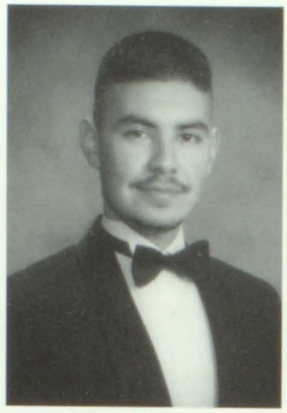
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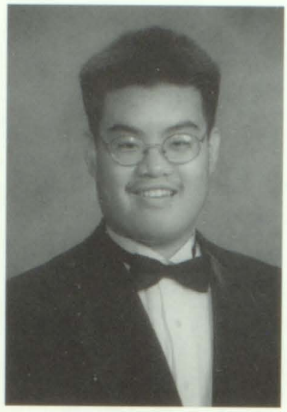
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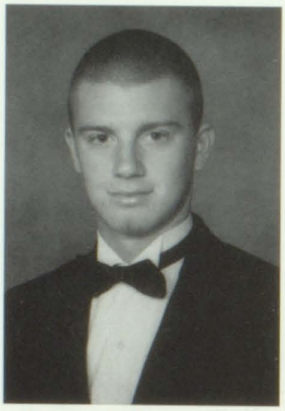
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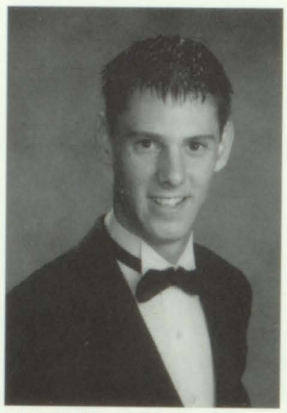
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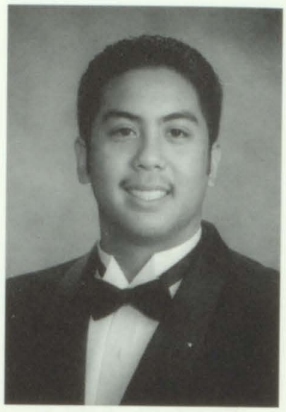
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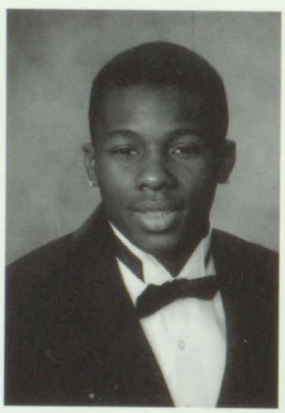
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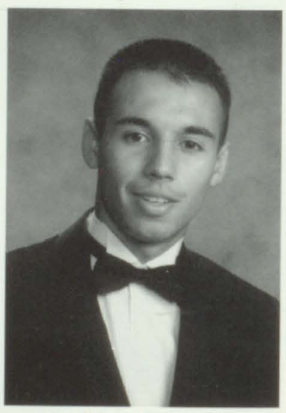
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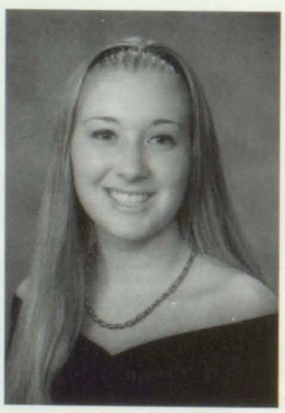
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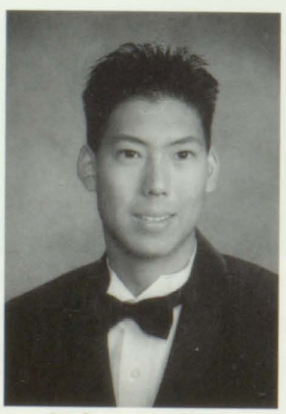
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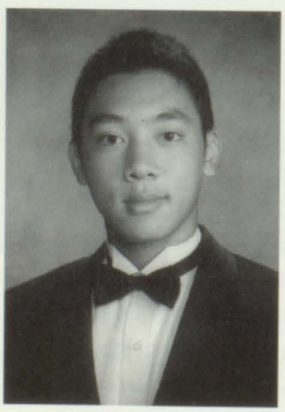
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Ms. Rebecca Beck's warm smile greeted the fourth period AP English 12 class after Mr. Jun's departure in January. The seniors in that class were well prepared when that rigorous exam came around in May.

AP Survival Guide

By Eric McCutcheon

To take an AP class or not to take an AP class, that is the question.

For some dedicated students, the answer is yes...take that AP class. Others may wonder why they put themselves through so much stress and lack of sleep. The average AP student spends a minumum of two hours on homework per AP class, and that doesn't include the time it takes to prep for the AP exam in May. As for sleep...whats that?

Max Lyubin not only takes AP Biology with Ms. Shron Ceresa, but AP Calculus, AP English 12, and We the People (Honors American Government). 'I thought all these hard classes would provide a better transition from high school to college,' explained Max. 'I wanted a challenge too, and boy, I'm sure getting one.'

Another high achieving student is Rahwa Gebretnsaie. Her schedule includes AP Biology, Physiology/Anatomy, Physics, AP English, and 'We the People.' On top of all that, she takes Calculus off campus at Mission Valley Junior College. How does she deal with all the stress? 'I don't, I just have to take it.' Wow.

Both Max and Rahwa agree that procrastination is the worst way to deal with academic overload, and last minute cramming is only a temporary fix. Ultimately, taking on this challenge, though it may impress the colleges, means sacrificing something else in their high school experience. Their only advice to next years seniors is to have fun, and don't overload themselves with too many AP classes.

Max Lyubin carefully labels the liquid culture for an AP Bio lab. The protective gear is covered by the $25 lab fee each student pays.

Measuring a precise amount of solution, Rahwa Gebretnsaie prepares to measure the amount of oxygen consumed by peas in cellular respiration.

CHOICES FOR THE FUTURE

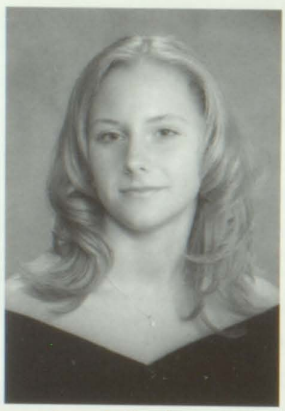
By Christina Garcia

Go back east or stay out west? Public or private? 2-year or 4 year? All seniors have to make choices. These choices have a huge impact on a their futures, and their choices are limited by choices they made earlier in their lives. Some seniors never realized that the choices they made at the beginning of their high school careers, or even at the beginning of their senior year, could affect what their college options are.

But whats done is done, let's talk about the future. During this chaotic time of transitions, the only decision over which seniors have some control is where they are going to spend the next four years. Even the least academically motivated student has the option of going somewhere else to attend a community college. Shireena Desai said I picked my colleges based on how much I liked the campus. That's important if I need to live there for the most important four years of my life. Saint Mary's was Elena Vera's first choice because of its small intimate learning community and secluded setting. It's also close to home. Being comfortable with the environment and community is critical to a successful college experience.

Not only does the physical environment of the school affect seniors' decisions, but the prestige of the university. It may seem superficial, but in today's society, it's understood that a person has an edge in the job hunt if they can flash a namebrand diploma. Studies show, however, that this advantage dissappears after a person has accumulated a job history. Going to a top-ranked school only increases opportunities in entry-level positions. Competitive, ivy league schools are also known for their academic rigor, which is attractive to highly motivated seniors.

The misconception that senior year is all fun and games has been quickly dispelled among the class of 2001. Even students who are not striving for admission to competitive schools can see how many of their classmates are working hard to make it.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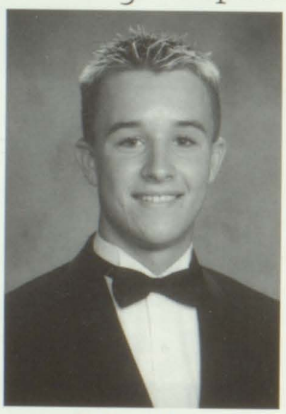
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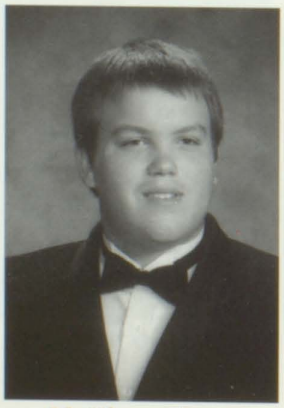
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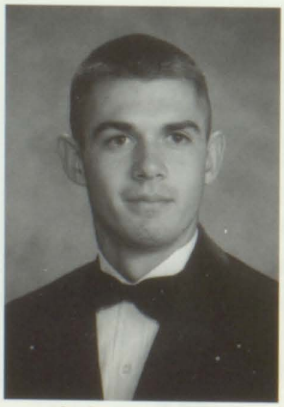
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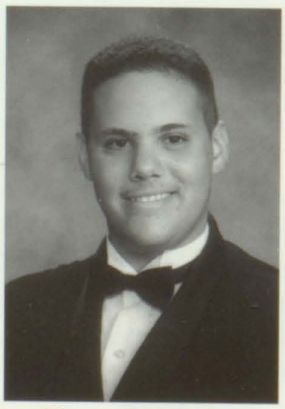
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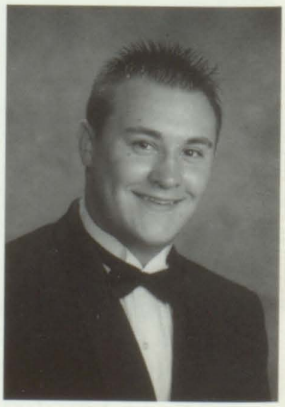
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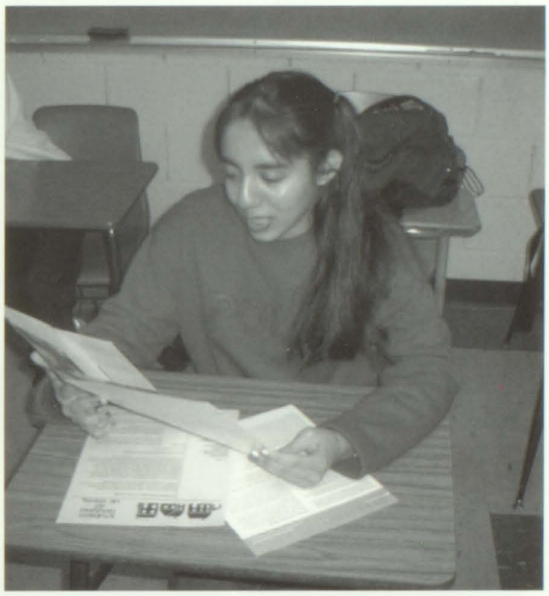
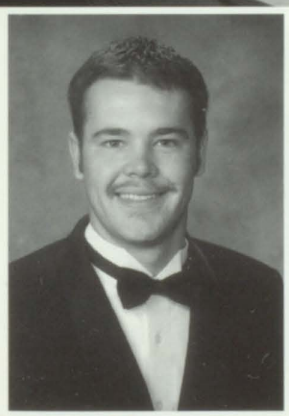
Shireena Desai looks through various college brochures. It's hard deciding on a school that not only fits your educational needs, but suits your social inclinations as well.

Elena Vera hopes to get accepted at Saint Mary's college. She likes the small campus, and the professor-to-student ratio.





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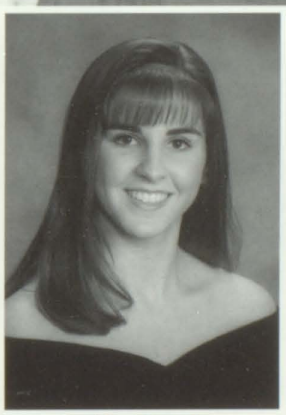

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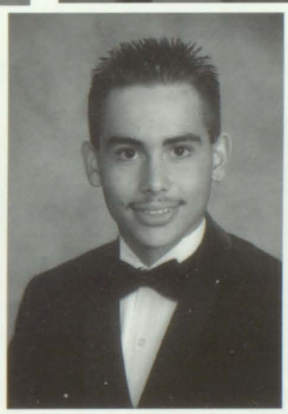

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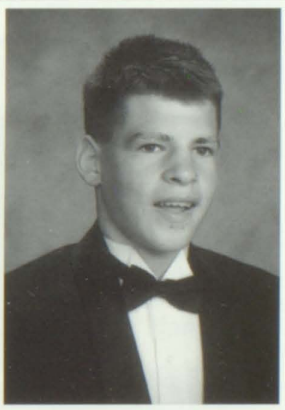

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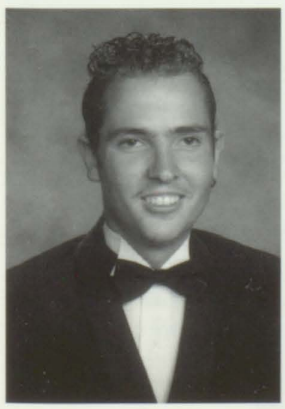

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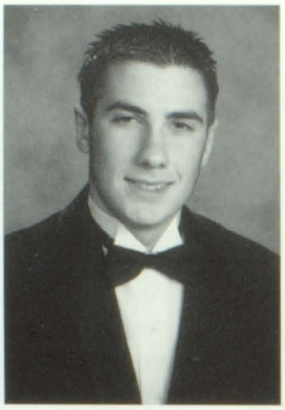

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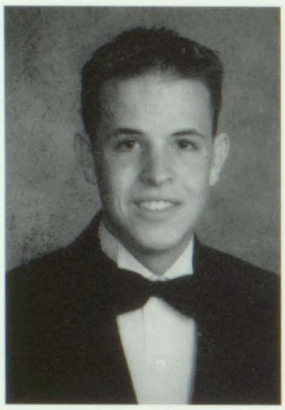

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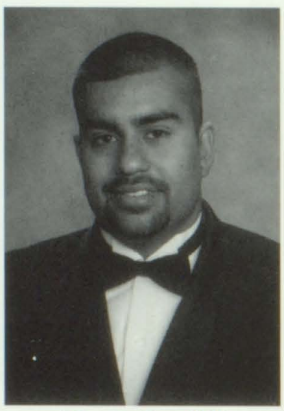

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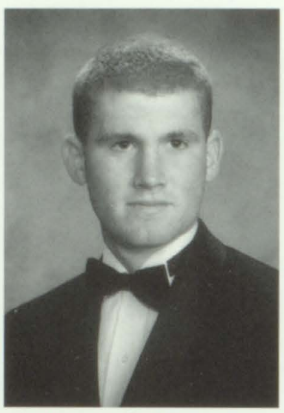

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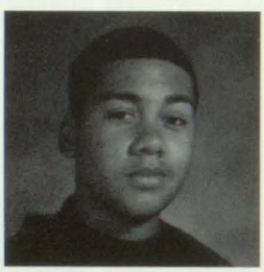
What are you planning to do the day after graduation?



"Throw a big party, invite all my friends and act like an adult for once in my life."
Tasi Joe

"I don't know...clean my room"
Jordan Seaton

"Get out of jail, if I do get arrested, and try to survive the wrath of my parents."
Frank Arevelo

"Get away from my parents, and party."
Kate Goldmann

"Stare at my diploma. I went through 4 years of hell to get it"
Sarena Ayres

"Sleep and sleep and sleep and maybe get up and eat something."
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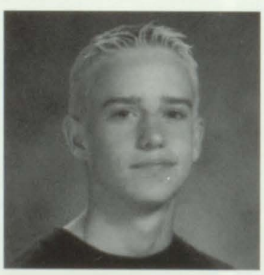

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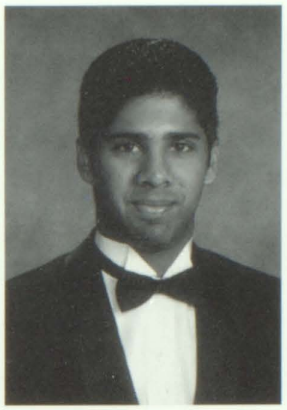
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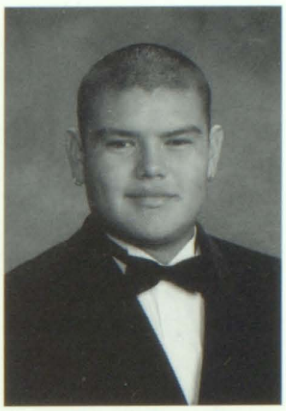
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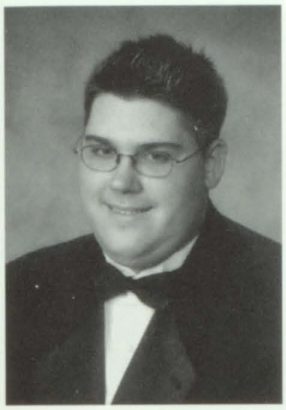
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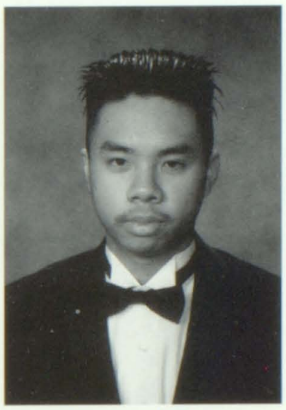
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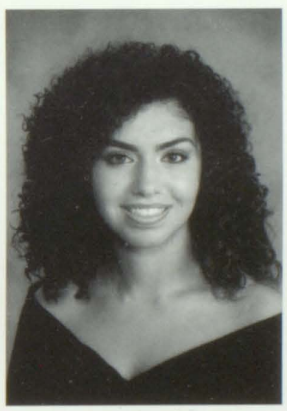
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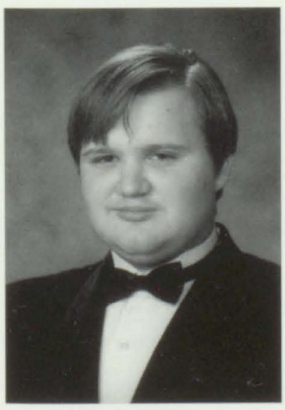
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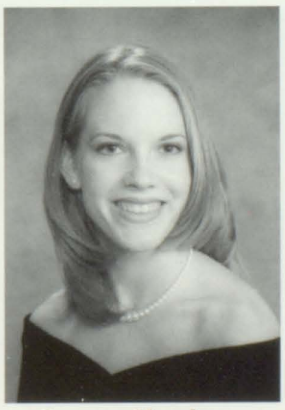
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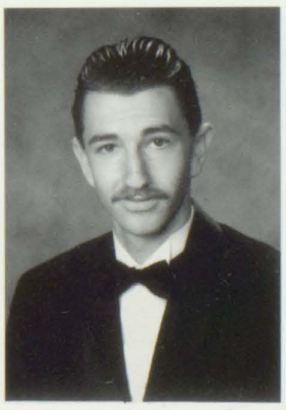
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Senior Executives

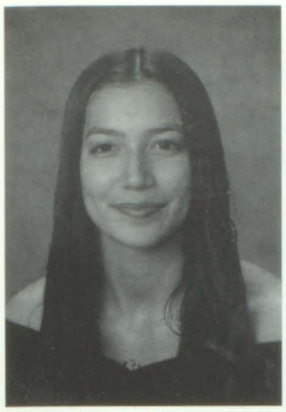
By Eric McCutcheon

The Class of 2001 has had a busy year. Between organizing spirit week, senior ball, and the senior picnic, we've had our hands full of stuff to do. The senior class officers, president Veronica Cabellero and VP Ryan Rose, have been phenomenal leaders during this chaotic and exciting year. They should be commended for the countless hours they've spent making these final months of our high school career full of cool activities and dynamic events.

Why did they do all this? 'I wanted to be in charge of organizing senior events and making sure that our senior year is fun and memorable...And it doesn't hurt that Ryan is so HOT!!!!!!' says Veronica.

'And I choose to run because Veronica is fine,' adds Ryan. 'No seriously... I wanted to make a difference with the class and get them involved as well as cherish this last year.'

This combination of lighthearted banter and heartfelt dedication is the key to their success. To our everloving officers, the class of 2001 salutes you!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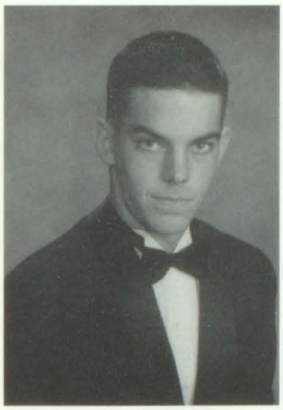
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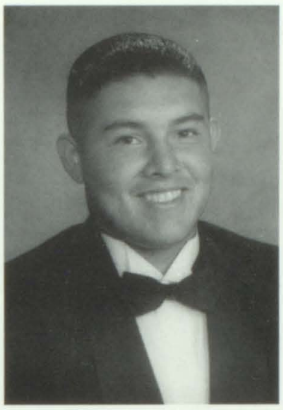
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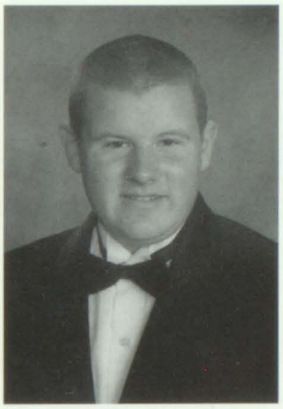
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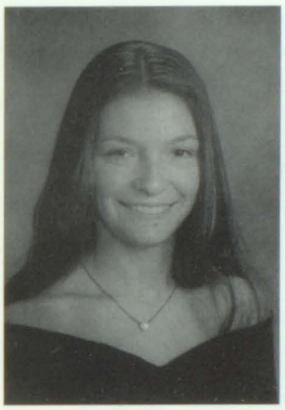
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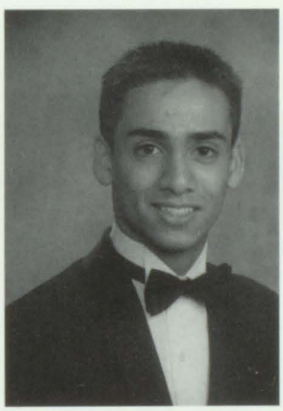
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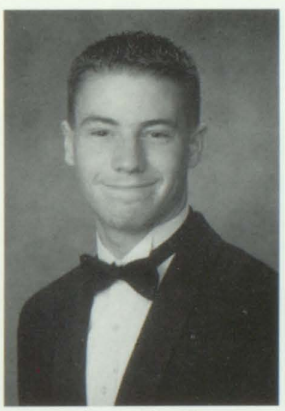
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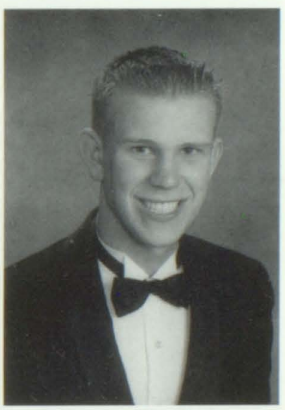
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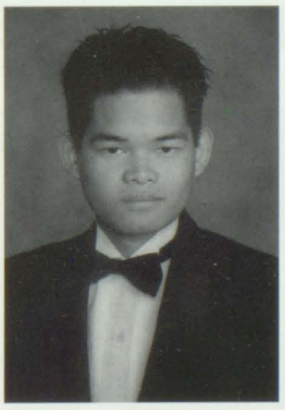
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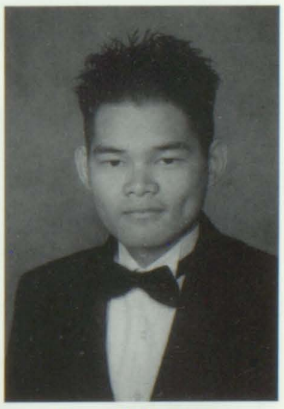
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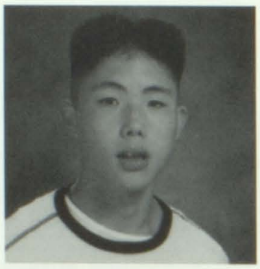
What is the dumbest question you have ever been asked?



'That question.'
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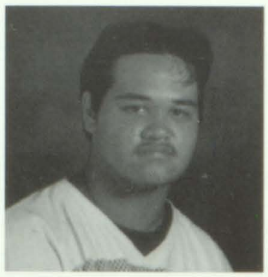

'You're on the football team right? Are you going to the homecoming game tonight?
Joey Mackewicz.

'Are you sleeping?
Brandon Tang

'How old was I when I was 6 years old?
Virdiana Loza

'Should I stare into the sun?
Arjun Pisharodi

'Are you absent?
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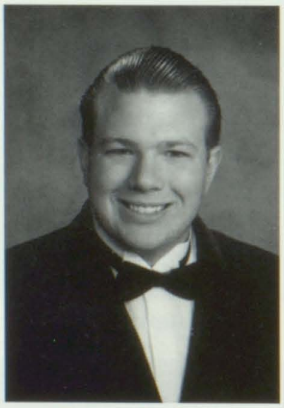

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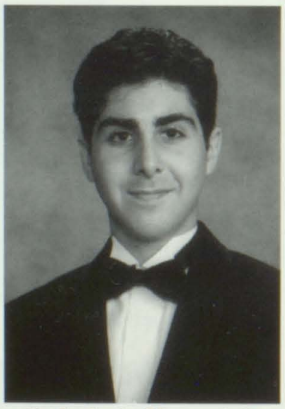

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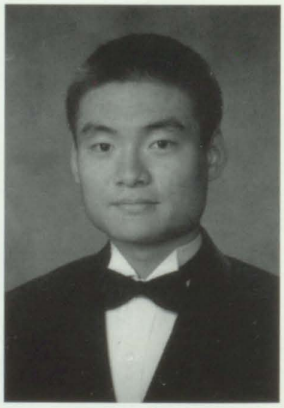

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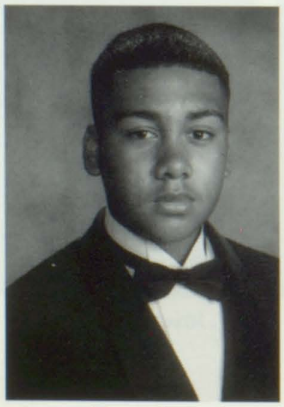

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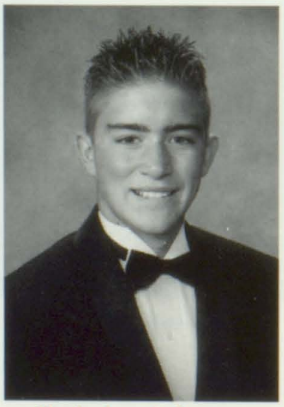

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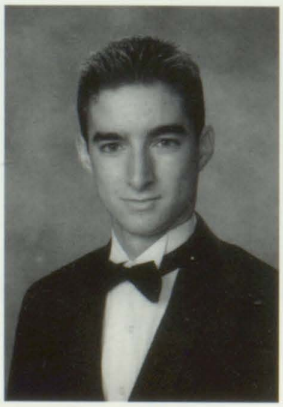

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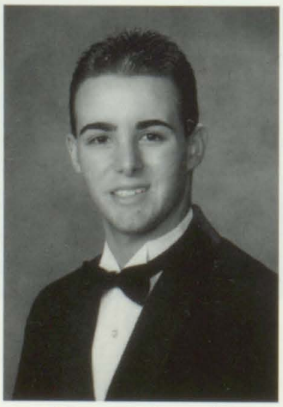

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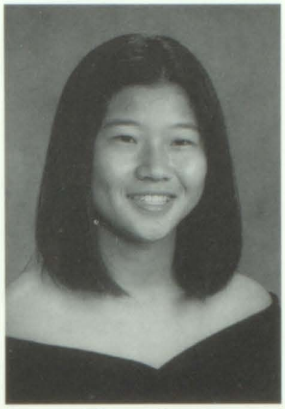
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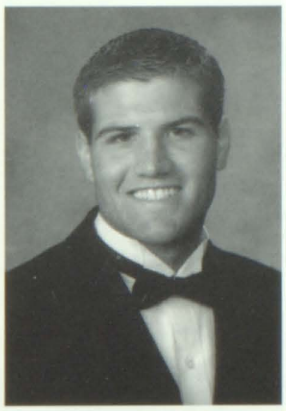
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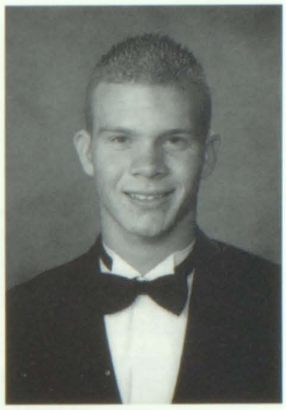
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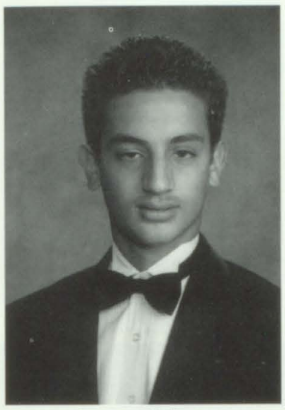
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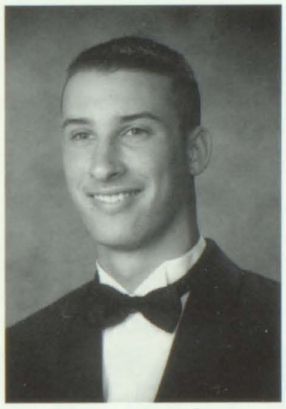
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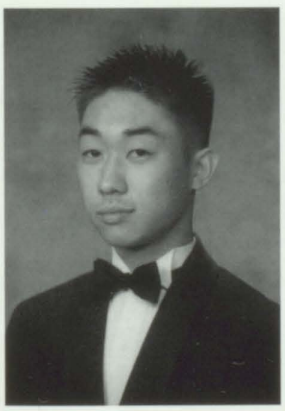
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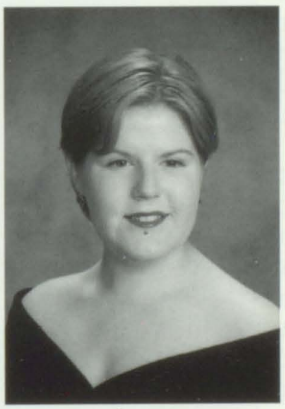
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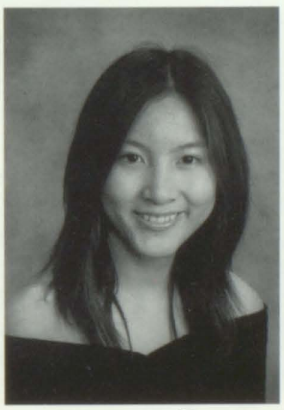
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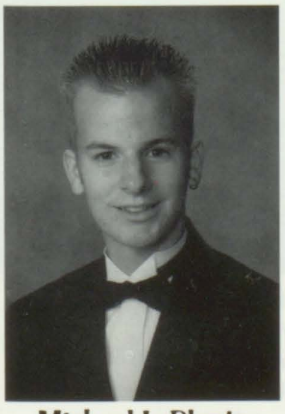
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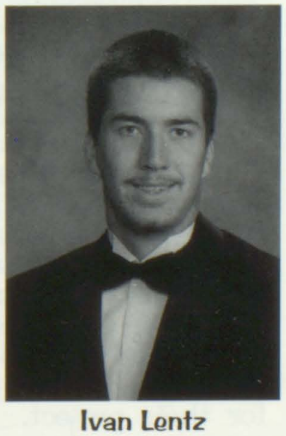
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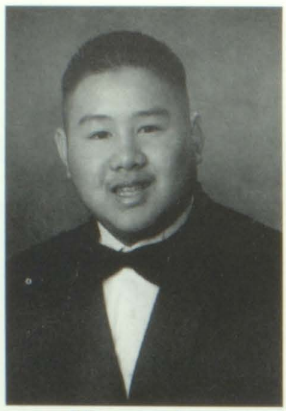

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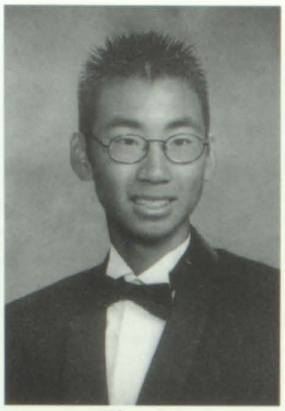

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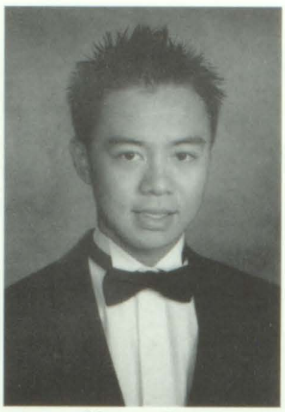

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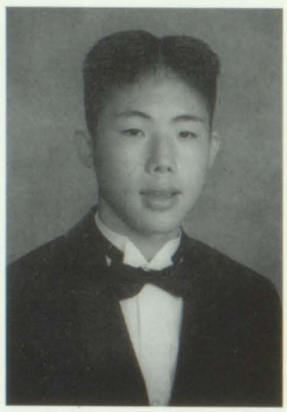

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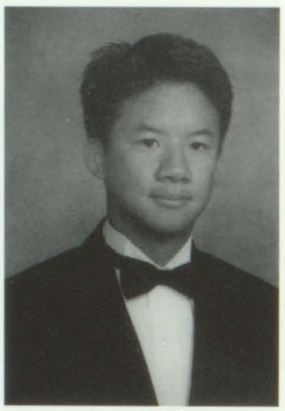

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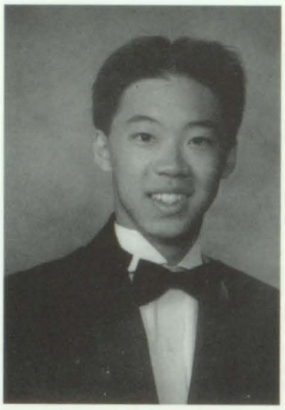

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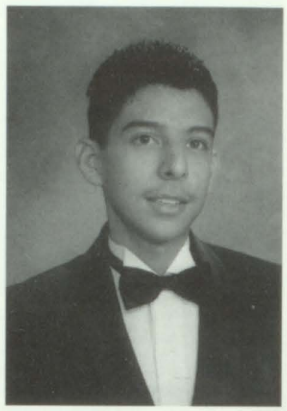


Adolfo Longoria

QUEST

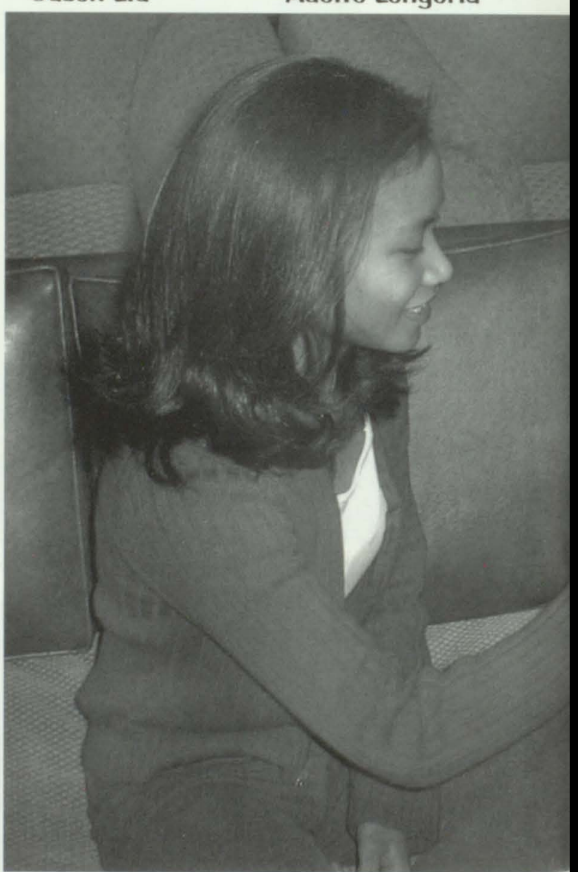
By Kristine Scoles and Eric McCutcheon

No word in the English language sends chills down an Irvington senior's back like QUEST. When asked about this innovative benchmark project, seniors respond with a moan, a groan, and a tear from the eye. This resistance to QUEST is as much a part of Irvtown's culture as blue and white. Although they dreaded and incessantly complained about QUEST, past IHS graduates have survived and even learned to appreciate the process. The class of 2001 will be no different.

The whole process begins with finding a topic, and developing an essential question. Seniors had to meet deadlines throughout the 1st semester, turning in countless forms and other paperwork to show they had begun to set a foundation for their project. Finding a consultant who is an expert in their area of research was probably the hardest part of the process, but a good consultant can provide invaluable assistance and make or break a QUEST project.

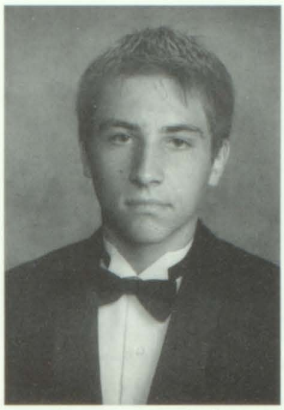
Ideally, people choose Quest projects on subjects for which they have a genuine passion. Arienne Jacinto's research question, 'How do the lyrics and voices of singers evoke emotion within the audience? taps into her love of singing. She has sung since she was three, and started on her church choir at six. Her consultant for her project is Andre Silva, lead singer of the Bay Area singing group, Kai.

Ray Santos says Make sure that you find a consultant that's cooperative and reliable. He also recommends that you find one as soon as possibles...procrastination will have a negative impact on your project. Is he speaking from personal experience? Hes not talking.



Arienne Jacinto has had a passion for singing for as long as she could remember. She choose to do her QUEST topic on how to find the right pitch.

Viridian Loza



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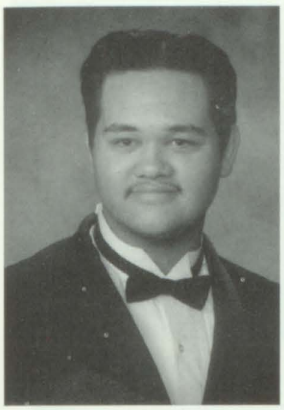

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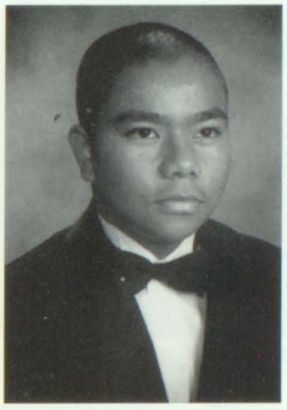

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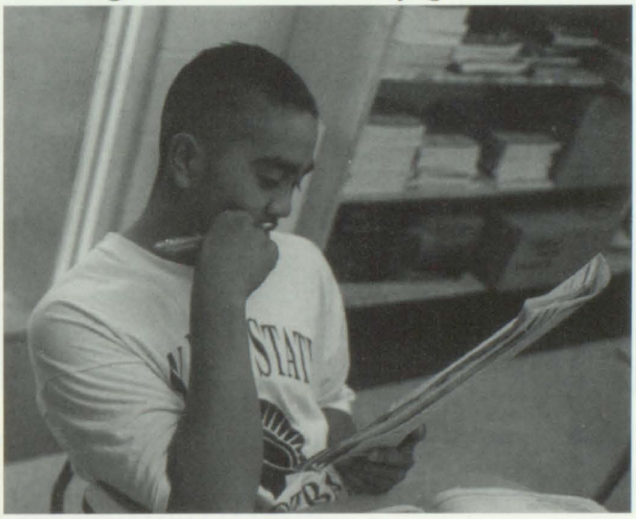


During a lull in his Econ class, Ray Santos checks out the newspaper in hopes of finding a consultant. This is probably the toughest, and most critical, part of QUEST.

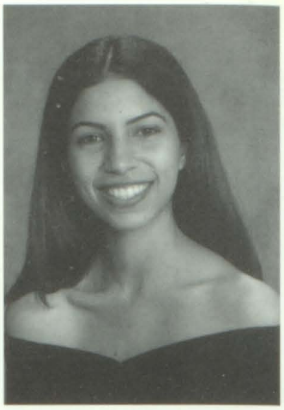
Mr. Bobby Spain goes over QUEST paperwork during his much needed extra prep.

Danielle Maria

Jennie Martin

Angelina Martinez

Yolanda Marroquin



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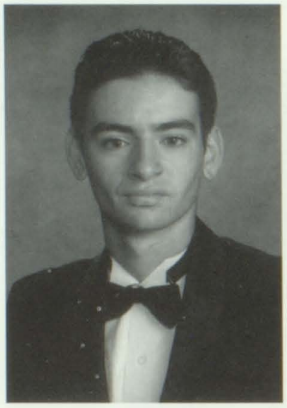

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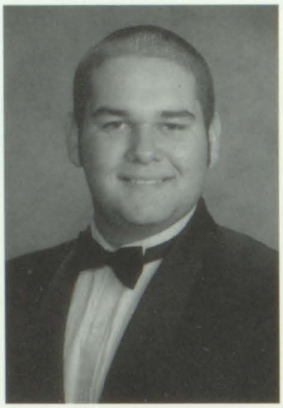

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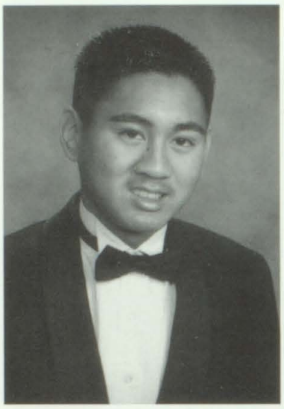

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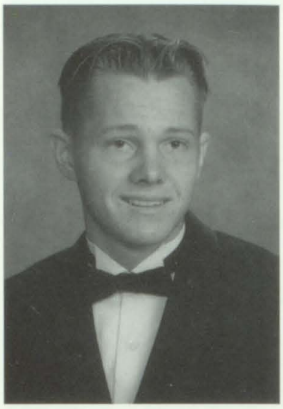


Matthew McDowell

SENIOR FORECASTS

By Vanessa Miranda and Elizabeth Sauer

IHS seniors have big plans for the future. Five of our distinguished graduates share their vision of their lives in 2006 and 2011.

Where will you be in

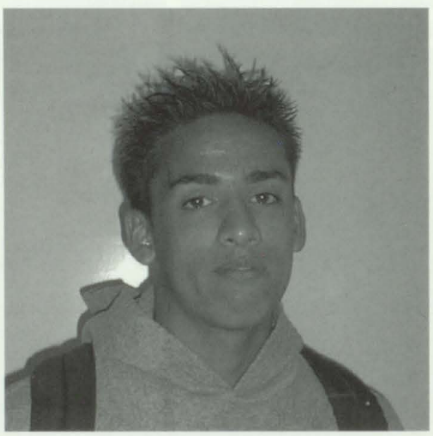
5 years?

10 years?

I see myself with a nursing degrees and cruising down the Mission Hills with my girlz in a topless Benz.'

I see myself with a Ph.D.'

Jaeny Kim

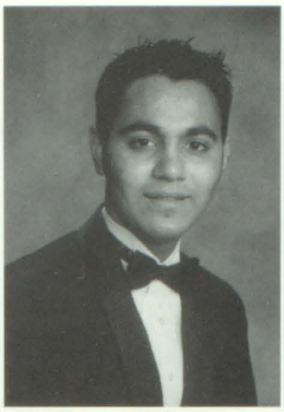


'I will have fulfilled my passion in mastering the contemporary art of Wushu fighting. I will still be in college, probably at Devry.'

I will be married, and have a big house. I want to start my own business.'

Duane House

Ashley McGill



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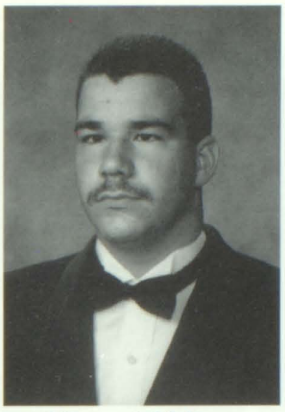

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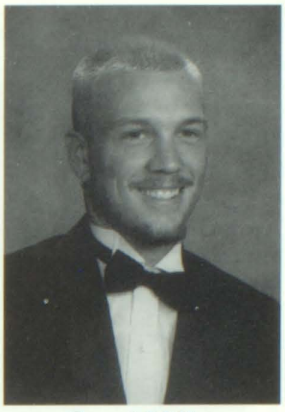

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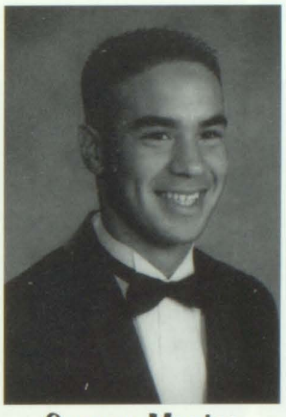

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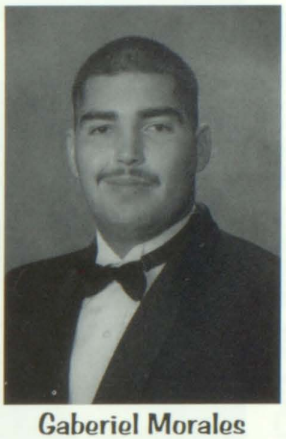
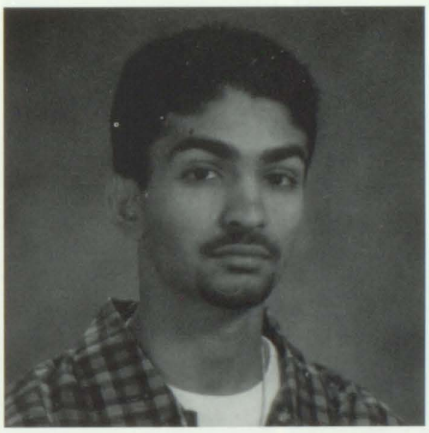


Gaberiel Morales

'Going through law school and keeping up a succesful business.'

'A business lawyer with a big company and a big house with a one acre garage for all my cars.'

Maninder Gill



'I'll work at a major computer company, driving a really expensive car.'

'I probably will be at the same company, living in a big house with two speed racers.'

Shakeb Kundiwala

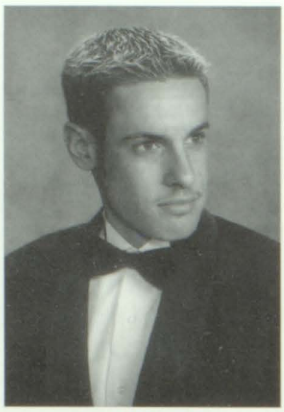
'I see myself working on web pages, and building websites.

'Married with two kids, living in a very big house. I'll have my own web development company too.'

Kim Gullion

Andrea Moran

Rebecca Morgan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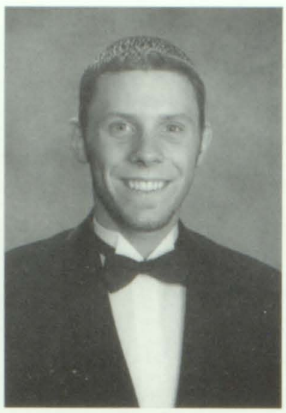
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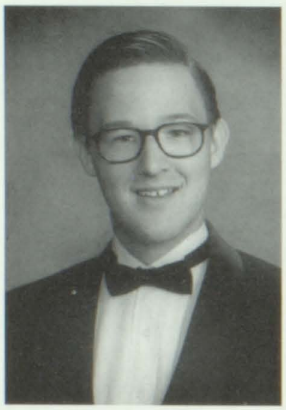
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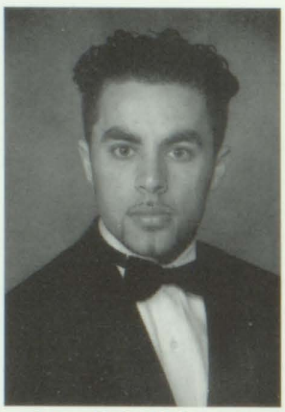
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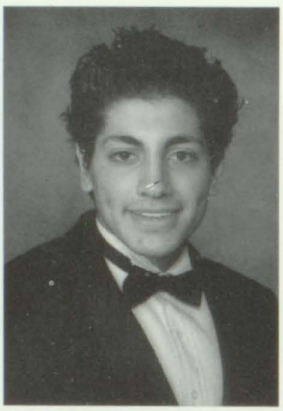
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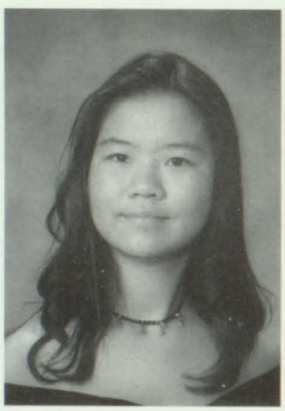
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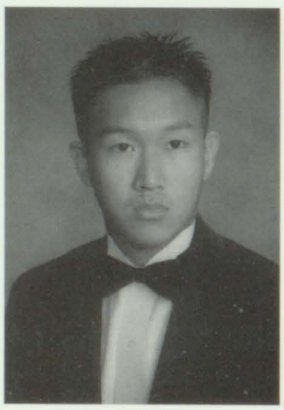
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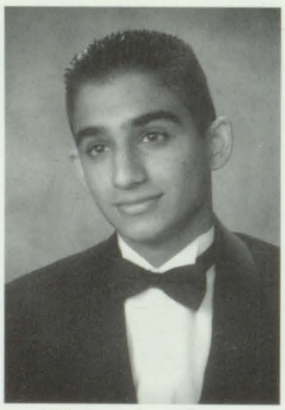
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Christina Pedroza

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"First, I like to thank my LORD above for all that he's done for me. Thanks to my family and to my buddies Helen, Lisa, Anh, Elisa, Kristine, Mark, 'Lo-Lo', and my 'Mighty Mouse'! Remember to stay true to yourselves always, take care, and God Bless! 'Don't forget... you smell.'"

Marc Ancheta

"There are places I remember: all my life, though some have changed. Some forever, not for better; some have gone and some remain. All these places have their moments with lovers and friends I still can recall. Some are dead and some are living-in my life I've loved them all."

John Ashley

"Picture me rollin.'"

Antoniette Ascuncion

"Life is what you make it, so live it up! To Jen and Desi, thanks for helping me through the years. I love you guys! To Rach, Jet, Kristine, Allie, and Mary. I'll miss you guys! To Mark, stay funny. To everyone else, I got mad love for you all!!!"

Zahra "Zaharie" Azad

"The end has finally come...for my #1 supporters-my parents-I love you Lucy Mama! To my sisters and brothers for being my true friends. To my cousins Sahar and Nazeera, thanx for being there for me girls. Of course to my buddies Patrice Walker-jogger/runner and Gagan Jassar. I love you all!"

Sarah Bae

"High School's finally over and hopefully we'll be ready for what's new to come. My family and friends have been supportive and great...Thanks you guys!"

Shannon Baird

"I did it and it was great. Mom, Dad, Dan I love you. Thank you for everything. Aimee, Jenn, Casi, you 3 have been there for it all. Wooahh! We're allstars. Pat, you'll always be my baby, ya heard? '01 Big Blue, I'm out!"

Adrian Barroso

"Gracias, adios. To my family, gracias por todo. Don't know if I made it. Chimi thanks for everything I'm out, no looking back. To the homies 'take it eazy!'"

Lillian Bui

"Finally!! Done with school...Goodbye, it was too far, goodbye to all of the teachers, goodbye to everything...But I'm not going to say goodbye to my big bro Billy, my girls Angel and Lee Mai, Jaeny Kim and all the others. Hi 'mushroom!' This isn't the end."

Veronica Caballero

"To all my homies, thank you for everything. Remember all the good times. K.I.T., Best wishes to you all in the future. Girls Soccer, good luck! Unit 1, M.E.CH.A, Peace out."

Imee Candelario

"Thanks IHS for the memories. We the People-I'll miss you! Be Tea See...mmm girlfriend! Rhykeem, Shamerica, Remima-Imeesha loves you! The mind has the same powers as the hand, not merely to grasp the world but to change it."

Gisel Calvillo

"We came to mark our spot, we achieved it! Go 2001! Best wishes! I love U Mom, Dad, Car, Jan. Thanks to all my peops, your're the best. Good luck M.E.Ch.A! Go Vikes!"

Helen Chan

"Everything is over! No more torture! Thank you Lisa for being a sis to me and Kevin being a bro. Jaeny for being my girl. Unit 4! Dubist Heist! Now we can all hibernate. Nite Desi, MJ,Elisa, Anh,Gloria, Pia! Wait, I have to eat ice-cream, yum...BZZZ."

Jose Chavez

"It's over, I wonder if I made it? Well I thank God and all my family. Whats up to my boys, Ralph, Jewlz, Cody, Duane, Trin, Viezr, and everyone who kept it real. Love to all the ladies, IHS stop hatin'..."

Nicole Cochran

"Goodbye Irvington! I'll always hold onto the memories from these past four years! To my family-I love you all! Thanks so much for supporting me and helping me get here. To my friends-you guys are great! Eric-lots of love from me to you!"

Lisa "Tinkerbell" Covey

"Thanks Mom and Dad! Sean, I love you and Slug Rules! "Nothing Else Matters." Bug, remember art! I love you tons! RD you rock. I love you! Court and Lauren, remember the good times! Casey, I love you brother! Shannon, you're so great! Swim and H20 Polo God for life! For nothin!"

Clifton Michael Der Bing

"To the Angels of Irvington: Lorraine R.-S., JoAnn, Michealle, Sherry, Lorraine A., Norma, Alma, Fuzzy, AJ, Chris, Aisha, Liz, Cristina, Jared, Beth, Mary, Miles, Khay, Juan, Michael, & Robert: To Mom, Dad1, Dad2, Chris, Princess T., Wan-Yin, & Friends-"I love you all and thank you for a sensational life..."

April Sablan

"Hi Mom! Hi Family! It's over! Year's through. Too fast. Bye IHS. Hello Ohlone. Bye Basketball. Bye ballers. Bye friends. Don't forget. Drugs suck! Change underwear. Don't cut! Yeah rite. Always remember. My friends. You will. Be missed. By me, good luck. For now. Don't cry. C-ya! Goodbye!"

Pia-Jacqlyn Malinis

"Though high school at Irvington is just one chapter of my life, I know that I couldn't have made it without my friends and family. To my mom, dad, and family," Salamat sa lahat at mahal ko kayo." To my friends, "much love to RAP and GRAPED who have become a part of my family." You've made high school life a roller coaster ride."

Will Nguyen

"If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would ever get done. Do ma, know what I'm Saying."

Bobby Nijjar

"Heeeyyy! Later to the true crew-Dustin, Pete, Frank, John and Nick. Later to Jen, Becca, and Lauren. Neva forget the spot, baby. Love ya butterfly. Stick it up, Yo!"

Erica Terry

Senioritis isn't laziness, it just takes four years to realize schoolwork is bull! Much love to GRAPED! Everyone else, thanks for all the memories, friendships, drama, good times! You all know who you are because you feel this! To the young ones, thanks for being my little siblings! -Shanerica Be Tea See. Hey, to all Aunt Jemima's

Lisa Ton

Don't hate on us for being us...hate us because you can't be us! haha! to all my special people...never forget the times! love you alwayz...take care and much love!

Qiyu "Will" Tu

Where there is a Will there is a way. I love everybody. Jesus is life. Being good is more important than looking good!

Elanita Bonita

I will miss all my friendsand my crew!! We have memories that will last a lifetime. All we need to think about now, is the "Road Not Taken." I luv Vero'n'Co.

Eric Walmer

Nicole's more better than Eric. Free stuff is always good. Don't hit people with your car because it sucks A LOT!

Patrice Walker

Much love to: MOM, Big Papa, Lil Al, Tiff, Des, momma, Bamaw, Papa, Gammie, Stacy and Family. Nonnie Mel and Family. COOKS family, Hendricks Bro's, Uncle Ron and Family, Bentley's auntie E's, Lori and family, Brenda and Family, Ms. Jackson & family, gagan & Zahra, Tricee loves you!

Rebecca Rodriguez

"Heeeyyy! Don't Dream it, Just Be it. Reach for the stars everyone. Good Luck! Yayee!"

Raluca Scarlet

"The most original people cover their sources the best."

Jennifer Sese

"First and foremost I thank God. I thank my parents, my sister K, my best friend KIT-much mahal! My cousin Tanetta, my 01' friends, my 02' friends...Geek Creek, my teachers, Pillsbury doe Joe! Props. For my QUEST stuff...Thanks to Billy Crawford, mom, Karla, Daniel, and Rick. You guys are the best. Love you all.

Shrey Shah

"It is hard to say who does the most mischief: enemies with the worst intentions, or friends with the best." To all my people (Pro, Ben, Ives, and Dort) keep living life for real, but never forget the knock-offs!"

Kristine "Teeny" Maria Seoles

"Mom and Dad, I love you both. Thanks for life's lessons. Erica, my cute little sister. I love you woman. Only 3 more years. You go Calamay! Jaeny-for life! Mj-thanx for listenin'. Celebrity Status is on it's way! Grandpa, this one's for you... I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU DEEPLY!"

Kristy Ramirez

"We made it guys, we made it to the real world!! I'm so proud of all of you. Especially you Danny F. I love you honey!-1/31/99-and to all my friends. Real friends you know who you are! And to my Dad I love you!!"

Mark Reynolds

"Yo Marlon I guess your big bro made it huh? Don't worry the Juniors will take care of ya'. Rite Juniors! Hey guys I'm gone. Lilace, Erika, Jen, Rach, Jet, Alison, Ness, RaverGurl, Toni, Pia, Gloria, Arienne, Helen, Rus, Gee, Ruel, Manuel, Marc, Ryan, Dort, Will. Hoy Pare. Yung Bagio. Time to evacuate, right Cruz? One more "Air five" for the road, ready MJI?!"

Boris Reznikov

"To my Mom, Dad, and sister. Thanks for everything. To all my homies on the soccer team, we represented. To my 1 credit homie, you got your diploma. To my other sister, we'll party next year. Can't wait, I'm out!"

Tamara Romero

"From Tami-"stop whispering, start shouting." All my love to my family, friends, and BOKEEY. "GOBBLE" Advice: Love life, it's so beautiful!"

Lillian Roberts

"I want to thank my mom and family and friends for all the support they have given me thoughout my years at Irvington."

Molly Robinson

"I wanna give a shout out to my boys Jeff and Matt! And a shout out to the Drama Crew and a shout out to all of my fellow seniors and Peer Advocates. Peace out!"

Ryan Rose

"I am free of all prejudices. I hate everyone equally. No seriously. Much love to GRAPED! Everone, thanks for the memories, it will be remembered. Remember, it is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation.

-Rhykeem-

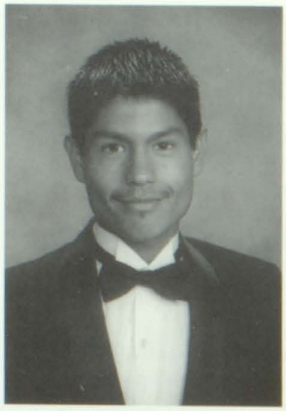
"Well, what can i say, these four years were so long, yet so short, friends were lost and others were gained. I want to thank those who have stuck by me, for showing me the value of friendshiops. I love you guys, thanks for making this year the best."

Thuy Pham

"Ever So Dearest Jennifer, "Anne-Marie," "Fungus and Baby Mushroom," Jason and Wenbo, and to all my friends, life is for fun, live and laugh lots, worry little, smile! With much love, "Mushroom," aka "Tweety Bird" aka Thuy!"

Alison Pinto

"Thanks to all my friends and family for being there for me and I leave you with this advice: if at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you. I love you all!-Oh yay como va burrito! Give me some salsa, enchilada. Give peas a chance! I'm outta here! I luv u Matt!"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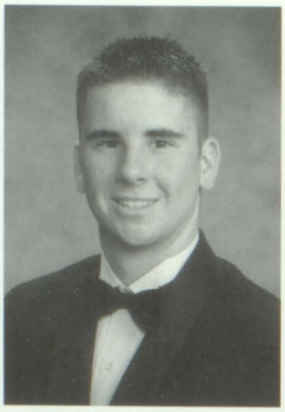
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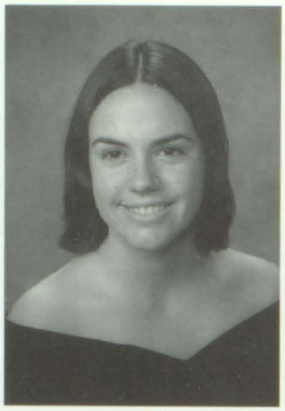
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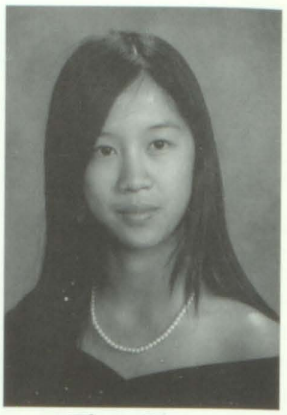
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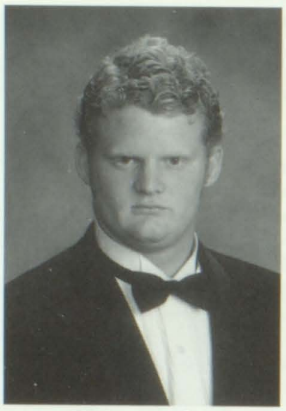
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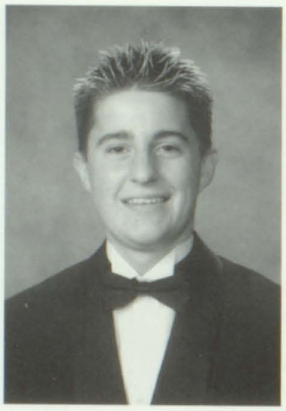
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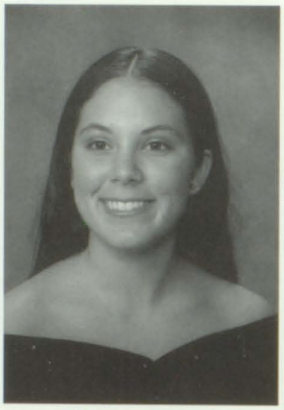
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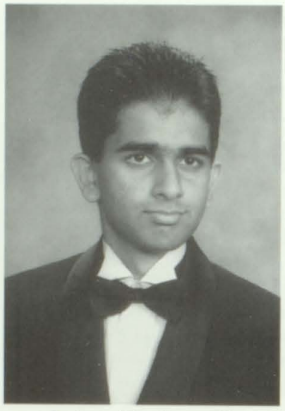
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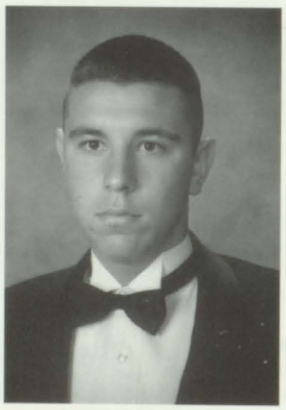
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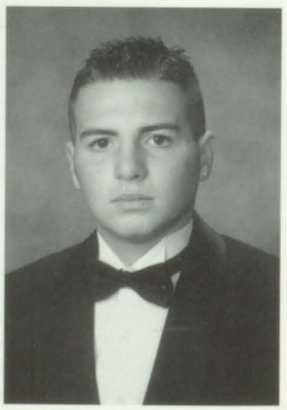
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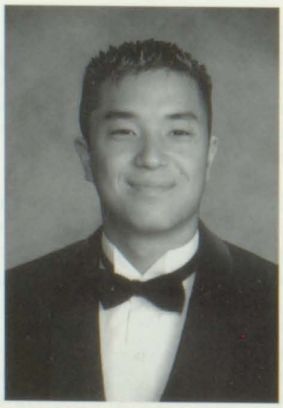
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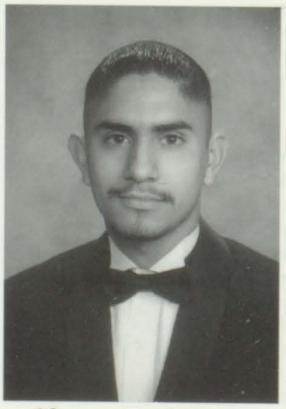
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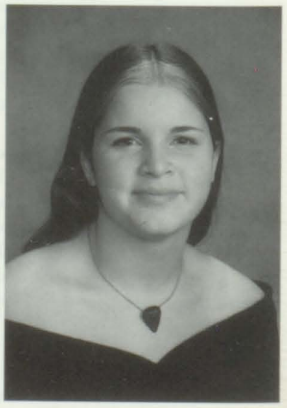
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"Can't tell you how much I'm gonna miss this place, so I won't. Gotta go now, but before I do, goodbye to all in We the People. Now that it's time to go, I wish you all a good life."

Jen Plate

"Heeyyy!! Thanks for all the fun Beca, Lauren, Court, Lisa, Bobby, Dustin, Frank, Peter I love you guys by the way "you and Beca can" Thanks for everything Dad, Mom, bro and sisses."

Jeanette Pask

"Later IHS. Thanks to Lish for all the support and memories. Daniella and Krusty: Fight Club Forever. To all those who've had or made drama, High School's too short GET A LIFE! To Nick T.: babe I love you my angel, thanks for everything!"

Danny Perez

"I want to say thanks to Danielle Garcia for helping me though my Senior year. I love you baby. Also thanks to Josh Hollenshead, Bobby Valentine and Davide for making my four years at Irvington off the hook. I love you Mom and Dad."

Bina Mistry

"It was a long journey, but I finally made it. Mom, dad, Lisa and Amar I love you with all my heart. Thank you Dana, Gagan, Rem, Vivi, Pat, Zahar, Pinkey. I love you. Friends are forever."

Rebecca Morgan

"Much love to my family and friends. Mara, Kitten, Joshi, Chipmunk, Tetia, Cole, Eric, Bunny loves you! We the People I love you all forever. Bokeey says "It's all gravy" "gobble."

Chris Murray

"Murray's the man. It's great to be graduating from Irvington High School. Finally it's over. Finally...Finally...Finally...It's all over."

Danielle Maria

"We finally made it. Couldn't of done it without you Trav. To my baby John I'll love you for life. I'll miss you belly. Stay out of trouble Katie. Fight Club forever!"

Jennie Martin

"Remember who you are and what you stand for. Your body is a temple not a visitors center."

Angelina Martinez

"To my sister Catalina, Frankie my cousin, Good luck in the future. Mom and dad thanks. I love you. Adrian I love you with all my heart. Gaby and Danielle thanks for being there for me. I love you girls."

Robert Dort

"Much love to all my friends, you know who you are. To my long-time dawgs Ben, Pro, Shrey, Ivars, there's been bad and good, but you're all my true G's. Peace out to the Track Mob; and to IHS...you finally got rid of me."

Matt Ebner

"Irvington certainly was a journey that I will never forget. We all had fun and we all had new experiences. What a trip!"

Christina Pedroza

"Let me keep it real, nobody helped me throughout this year except for myself. Breezy Lizzie and Mary...much love to my Johnny, I love you."

Arienne Jacinto

I would like to thank my God and Lord Jesus for their continuing guidance and strength. To my family: Mom, Dad, Diandra, Ian and Edward... I give you all my love and gratitude. "I promise to go on until the race is won."

Gagan Jassar

Finally! I'll miss all but a few. I couldnt have done it without my friend and family. I love all of you, especially my Dad! This is to all my friends: my angel baby whose gonna fly with me, Pat-Rice-A-Roni, Butter and Bread, and Zahar! It's all love.

Jenevie Gonzalez

To all my girls, couldn't have survived without you. Rio, Lisa, Des, Liz, Diana. My MSJ girls, Olivia, Samar, Karen, and Jenny. Much love to my Mom, Pops, Jolina, and Justin. Yes! WHIPPER IS FINALLY OUT OF HERE!!

Prakash 'Pro' Gopinath

"Treat your friends as you do pictures, place them in their best light." Thanx dawg, Bean, Dort, Ive; couldn't have made it without you.

Kim Gullion

To all whom I have hit, I'm sorry, my insurance will contact you. "I'm just not bright!"

Joe Guinto

"Free at last, free at last." Thank god almighty, I'm free at last. First I thank my good lord for everything my loving parents and friends I love you all. IHS varsity football, good luck next year.

Danielle Garcia

"Don't let no one get you down!" To all who have stood by me, my parents, grandparents, Mitz, Daniel, Angel, Lala and the rest of my family, I love you! Nana, Gabe, and Dale RIP.

Alisha Jensen

"Thanks to my parents and all my friends: good luck Curtis. Lots of love to Karina, Diana, Anne Shireena, Nicole, Elena. Have fun next year-Girl's Tennis Team. Go class of 2001 IHS!"

Aaron Jones

"Yo! Hey there and what's up to Ann, Vanessa, Becca, Josh, Kitten, Reema, Angela, Christina, Ryan, and everyone else. Thanx for the support from my parents."

Steven Joseph

"Kulia I ka nu'u" (strive for the highest)-Props to my peeps: Atiq, "the unmatchable" Jon Najm, Big Joe Guinto, and anyone else I left out. U R Welcome 4 all the rides!

Noosha Kahali

"Life is full of obstacles. Thanks mom, for giving me the utmost power and strength to overcome them all. Irvington-you'll always be in my heart!"

Gloria Kee

"Hey everyone! It's been an interesting four years. I thank God that He got me through these four years of what seemed like eternity. Take care Arienne, Ryan, Desiree, Erica, Pia, Grace, Helen, and Natalie. It was fun and I'm glad I'm out for good! God Bless."

Aaron Kendall

"Hey everybody. Our four years together are up and we won't be back for another ten. Good luck with life and don't forget to relax. For Nothin!"

Jaeny Kim

"Hey wassup, these four years was pretty crazy, can't believe were on our way. Love you guys, Kristine Scoles, Angel Mai, Lillian Bui, Albert Li, Helen Chan and all my buddies. Keep in touch and take care of yourselves."

Dustin Kircher

"Heeeyyyy!!! I'll miss all of you guys. It has been a great four years thanks for the memories. I love my parents. True for life."

Chris Kong

"Shoot pool, eat pho, watch a movie, go to the runs. Now that's a Friday night!! Thank GOD! Team Yu

Sara Lutzinger

"Well everyone I'm out of here. Matthew, I'll always remember you! I love you little sis! Don't forget me! Seniors, we kicked butt! Have Fun! Rest in peace, Dale."

Michael LaPlante

"Thanks mom and dad, Ms. J and Ms. Glover. To Greg, I leave Advanced Drama and Throats. And to Matt I leave the legacy of four years of garage band experience. I'm proud of you "Epiphany" Rocks.

Loni Lasseter

"Joelle Diana, where would I be without you? You're the best! I love you lots! Never forget Tarzan and Superstar. Chandel, my best friend, I love you mom, dad and Laur - you mean the world to me. Later IHS, c/o 2001 I'll miss you."

Vanessa Tam

Nobody's perfect, however, I'm nobody. Therefore I'm perfect. Drive fast or stay out of my way. [Team Trinity] Ladies first, that's how WE finish. -Vicious Vaness

Anabel Leon

"Gracias a Dios y mi familia. To my girls Kira and Cat, Mo and Catina, love you always! Tri Valley Soccer Studs always Mo! To my boys, you know who you are, much love always. Boris, I love you chump, 26 years, ok? Girls Varsity Soccer Rules, you are animals! To my dubs, love you always chango! Welp, see ya' later!"

Kevin Lin

"Wazzzup!! These four years have been the most memorable years of my life. Thanks you all for making these years such unforgettable ones, especially to my family in WeTP. I love you all Unit 41! Booo000oooo0000!!"

Anson Ling

"Shoutout to my bro Vince, Mike, Eric, Helen, Kevin, Brandon, Team Yu, R.J, Nathan, Sugarfly, thank you mom and dad for the support. Keep the faith in God. Mr. Canavero is the best teacher ever! Cherish all four years because it is way too short."

Ben H. Liu

"Through all the rain and the pain, you gota keep your sense of humor. You gotta be able to smile through all this..." This goes out to my friends(my rain, pain and smiles) Shrey, Pro, Ives, Dort, Clifton. The smile is worth it all."

Adolfo Longoria

"Thanks to all my friends, Josh, Bobby, Uriel and all the others. To my sister, I'm getting out of here and you still got two more years. Ha Ha.

Dimitri Lubski

"Many years from now I would probably want to come back and relive my high school years, but right now I am happy that it's over. I am ready to move on to the next level."

Angel Mai

"Hey wassup to my little sis "Lee" and "Tina,"my girls "Lillian Bui" and "Jaeny Kim," my little bro "David Hoang," and all my peepz. It's been an interesting 4 years. But it's time to say "Peace!" I'll miss everyone very much. Seriously! Late!

Puja 'Homes' Patel

Ay Yo! Before anybody gets a chance to speak, yo don't say nothing, I guess I'm just a freak. Love to all my homies and my girls...before we part, here's a little something from the heart. "As our lives change, come whatever, we will still be friends forever." "Don't hate. Appreciate and participate." -HSC Incorporated... Founded on su cama!

Vanessa 'Gee' Miranda

You know me—I don't need no introduction and -ish, I'm the #1 Stunna. Much love to my boys in the hood and my girls...believe that! And believe this too...I'll be the one to catch your fall whenever you call. "Don't hate. Appreciate and participate." -HSC Incorporated... Founded on su cama!

Christina 'Jigga' Garcia

Oochie wally wally, Oochie bang bang, Oochie wally wally, Y'all really really really make me scream and shout! This is to my girls and all my homies..."And I'll take with me the memories, to be my sunshine after the rain. It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday"...Thanx for all the tears, laughs, and precious memories. "Don't hate. Appreciate and participate." - HSC Incorporated...Founded on su cama!

Kunal 'Rico Suave' Mehta

I'm a BLEEP by blood, not relation. Y'all be chasin', I replace them, huh? Thanks to all my friends and check this...I'm a hustler baybee, I just want you to know. It ain't where I been, but where I'm about to go. For all my homies, never forget. "As we go on, we remember all the times we had together. And as our lives change, come whatever, we will still be friends forever."

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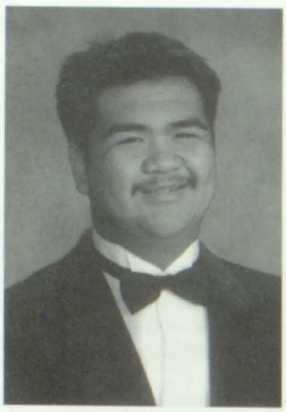
"Through all the rain and the pain, you gotta keep your sense of humor. You gotta be able to smile through all this..." This goes out to my friends (my rain, my pain, and my smiles)...Shrey, Pro, Ives, Dort, Karen, and Clifton... the smile is worth it all.



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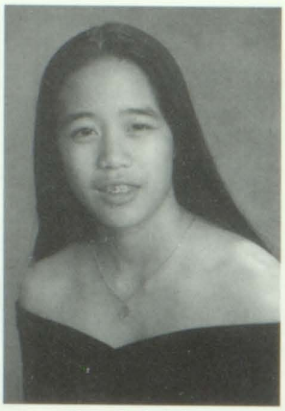

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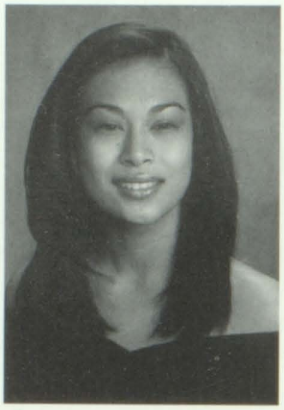

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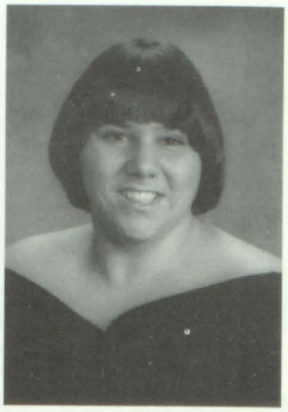

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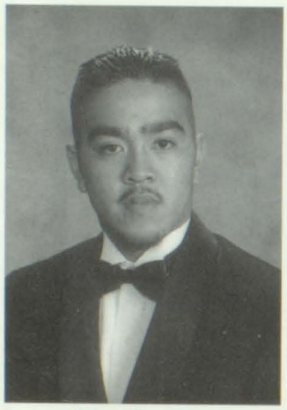

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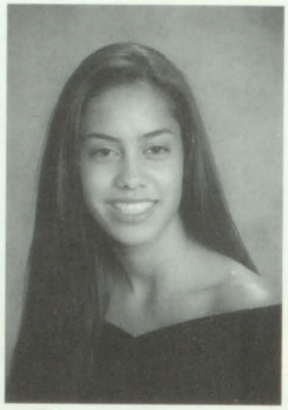

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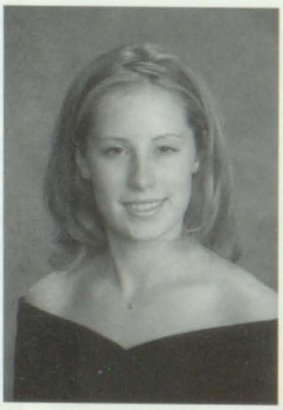

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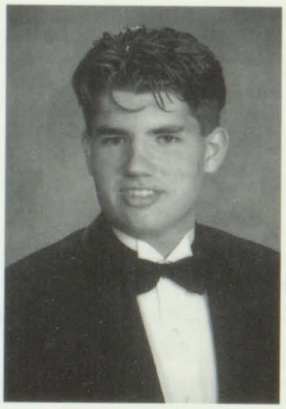

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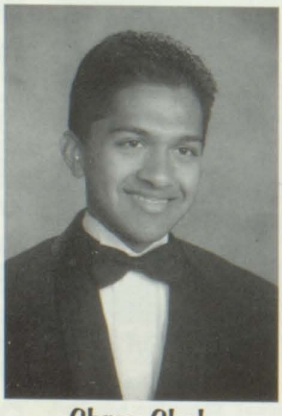

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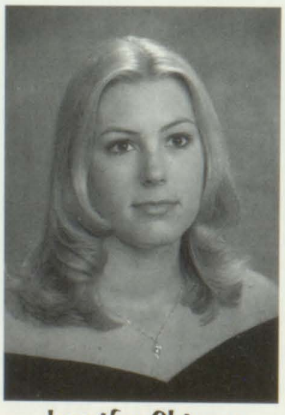

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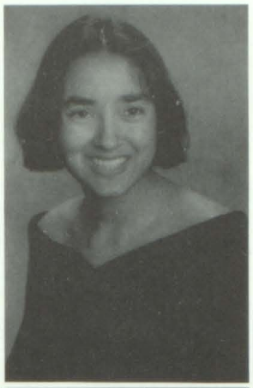
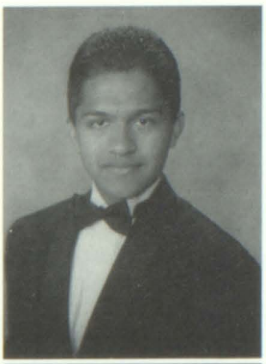


Irvington's academic elite, the hardest working students on campus, recall their fondest memories of high school.

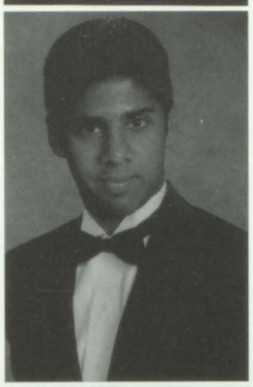
Naman Bhatt

"The day the hills came alive...Alas, it is impossible to convey the life-sensation of any given epoch of one's existence. We live, as we dream...alone."



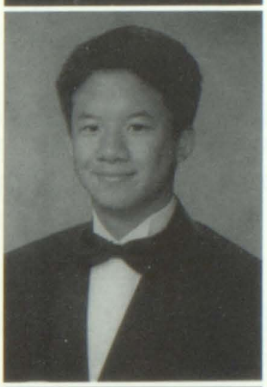
Shreyans Shah

"Whether we are working together, playing a game, or watching a movie, I take with me all the memories of good times spent with my friends."



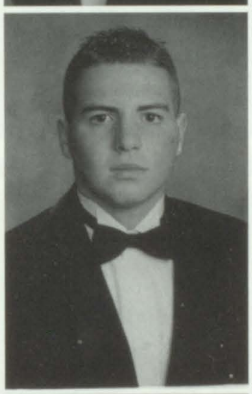
Prakash Gopinath

"Playing half-life and Quake III Arena with some of the best people I know I'll ever meet in my life."



Ben Liu

"The people I've met have shown me how to handle success as well as failure. Without them, I wouldn't know about happiness, grief, and most importantly, life."



Boris Reznikov

"Trying to win MVAL championships in soccer every year, and making it to NCS."

Helen Chan

"The We the People state competition, where I bonded with friends and just got away from everything."

Anne Chung

"Finding these special friends...ascending to #1 in badminton (twice only, but still!)...and cracking Mr. K's 'Magic Cup' Trick! PS I guess getting straight A's was cool, too."

Shireena Desai

"The liquid laser was cool, so was the levitating box and the egg drop...see a common theme here?"

Erica Terry

"When my friends and I made up a hip-hop dance for Talent Search in sophomore year."

Noosha Kahali

"The skills and knowledge I have acquired in high school will carry me through the journeys of the rest of my life."

Viking Awards

The Viking Awards honor members of the student body who have made vital contributions to Irvington High School. These are the people who make IHS what it is. They now share with us the wisdom by which they live their lives.

Shannon Baird

This is life. Live it, love it, learn from it. Always remember to keep your dear ones close to your heart. The world is in the palm of everyone's hand. Reach for the moon, because if you fall, you'll always be among the stars

Veronica Caballero

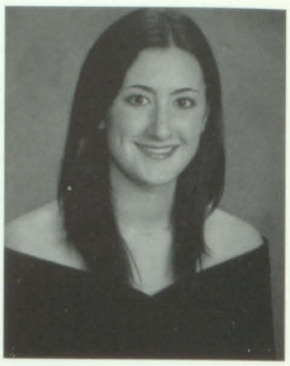
Life is an endless journey that cannot be taken for granted.

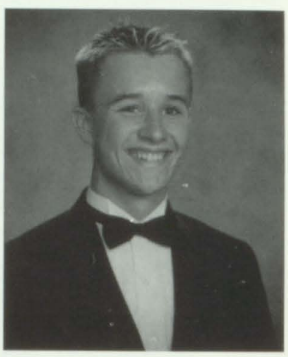
Courtney Delzompo

Your character is your destiny.

Robert Dort

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.





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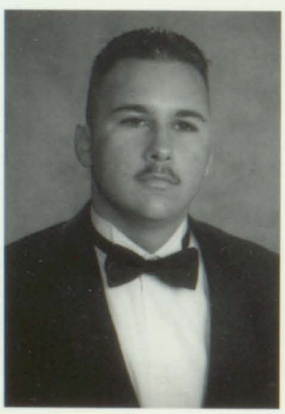
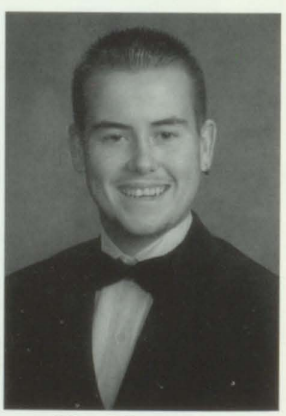


Korey Simmons

Larissa Smith

Kimberly Snyder



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Robyn St. Onge

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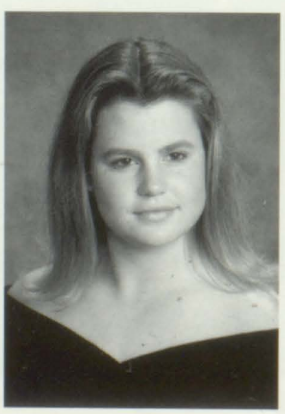

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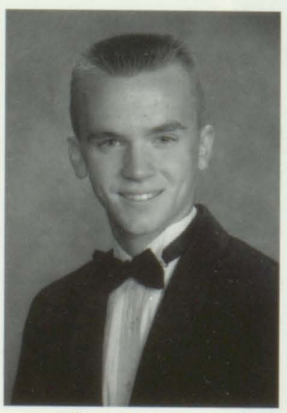

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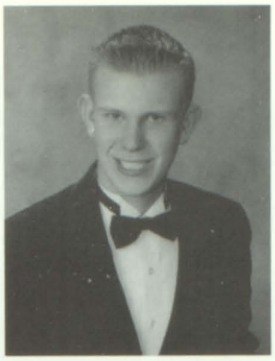


Desiree Jabson

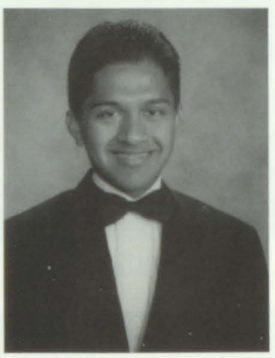
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood and I-
I took the one less traveled by.
Robert Frost

Ryan Hughes

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
Martin Luther King Junior

Noosha Kahali

To handle yourself, use your mind.
To handle others, use your heart.
Eleanor Roosevelt



Casi Maggio

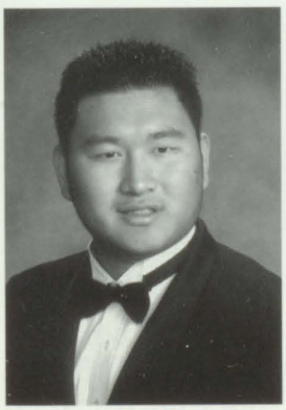
All the worlds a stage, so be a movie star in your own life and take action. Watch the sun set, smell some flowers, tell your mom you love her, and don't hold any grudges.

Laura O'Neill

Life is a balance between school and fun. School is important, but I also try to find ways to relieve tension and stress by going out with my friends or working out.

Shreyans Shah

Life--Fear it not, savor it. We learn through experience and the only way to learn as much as possible is to be willing to accept loss.



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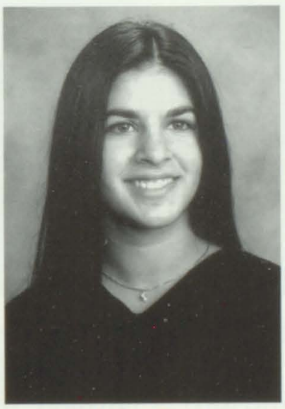

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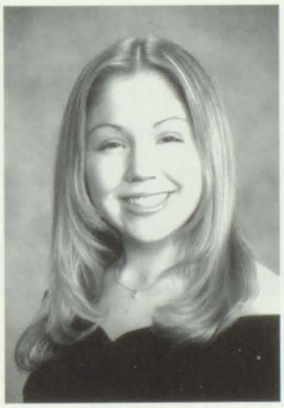

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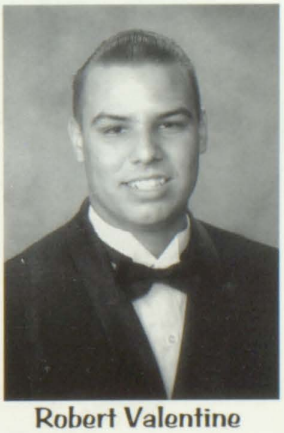

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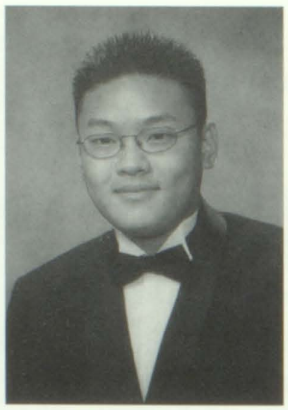

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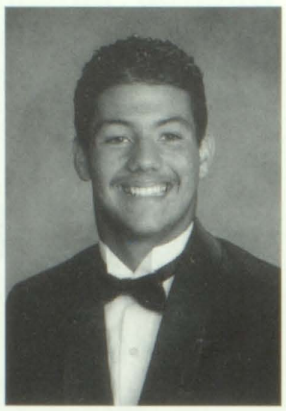

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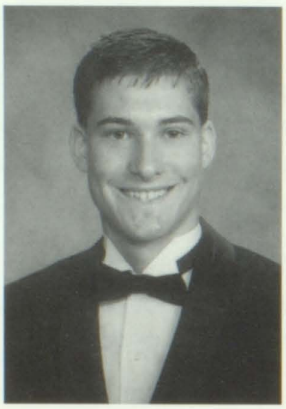

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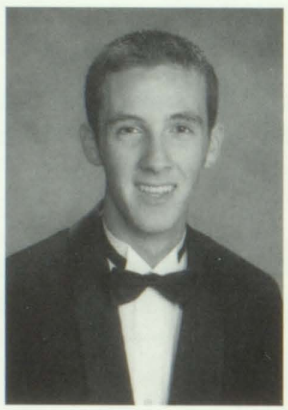

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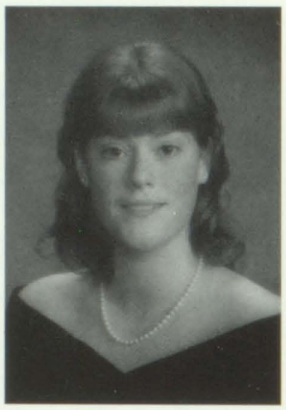


Kimberly Wassom

Sara Wheeler

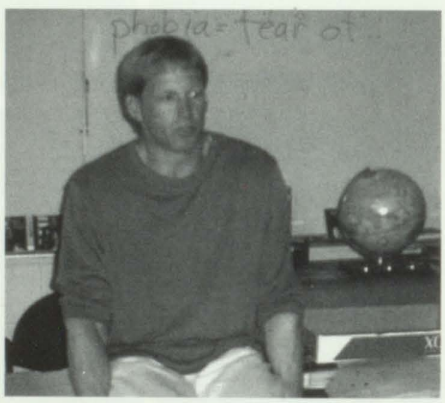
Henry Willson

Teacher Blessings

By Elizabeth Sauer

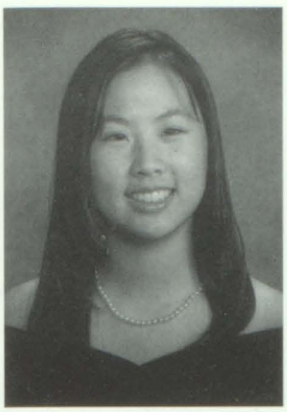
I would like for them to remember that they do not exist in isolation. Ultimately, they will not be judged on what type of student they were or how much money they made. They will be remembered for the contribution they made to their community and the world.

Ms. Sharon McMahon
Senior Class Co-advisor
English 11A



My wish for Viking seniors is that they all find a passion in life and a special person to share it with.

Mr. James Patrick
Richards
Humanities English



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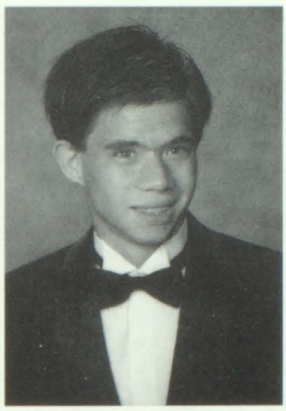

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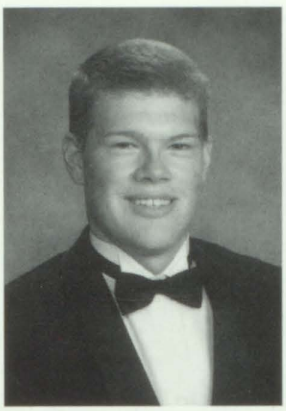

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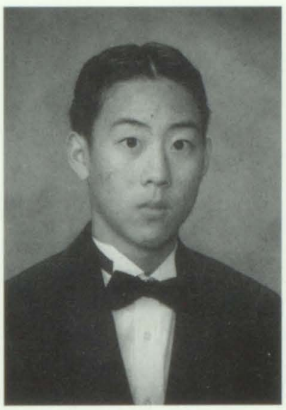

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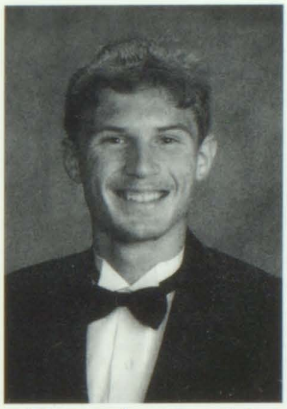

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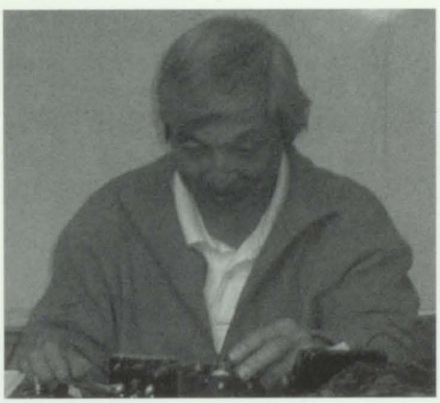

I hope they get to travel around a lot and have fun before settling down to a permanent job.

Mr. Seiji Kawamura
Physics, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry

My wish for them is that they find whatever it is that makes them happy.

Ms. Cheryl Cook-Kallio
U.S. History, AP U.S. History, We the People

I hope that they know what their goals are, and I hope that they have the opportunity to meet those goals.

Mr. Eric Sherer
Senior Class Co-advisor
Humanities American Government/Economics

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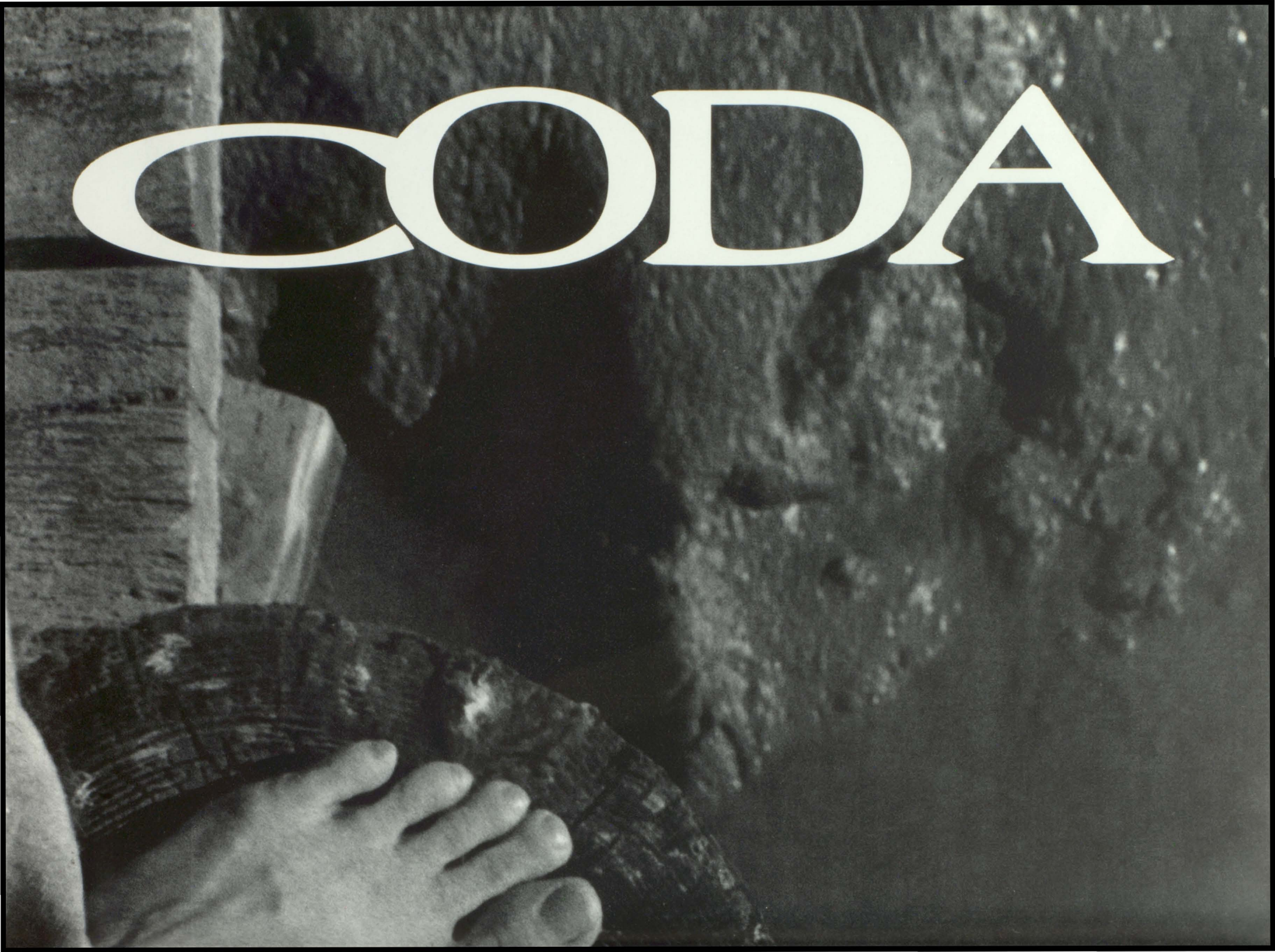
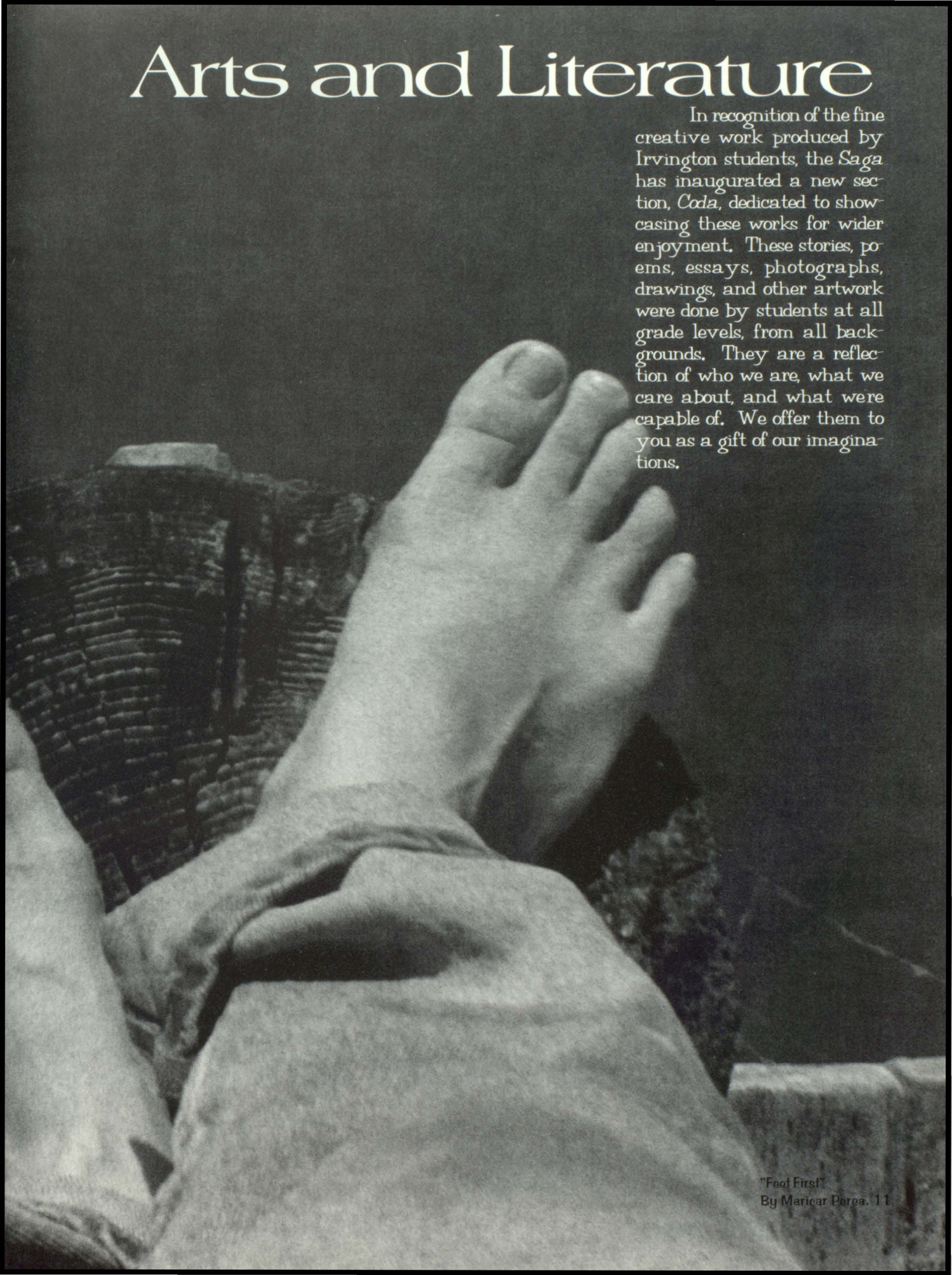

CODA

Arts and Literature

In recognition of the fine creative work produced by Irvington students, the *Saga* has inaugurated a new section, *Coda*, dedicated to showcasing these works for wider enjoyment. These stories, poems, essays, photographs, drawings, and other artwork were done by students at all grade levels, from all backgrounds. They are a reflection of who we are, what we care about, and what were capable of. We offer them to you as a gift of our imaginations.



"Feet First"
By Maricar Perea, 11

My Lights

By April Moore

"Bubble"
By Meghan Ritchie, 11

"Glasses in the Sun"
By Viridiana Loza, 12

I feel like a quiet person. However, many people say I'm loud. When I'm around my friends, I feel comfortable. They are the people who don't mind my tone, and actually welcome it. Around them, I relax and don't try to keep my volume in check. I let it flow.

I know I wasn't this loud when I was younger. My volume grew with my age. I used to be a scrawny, blond-haired, blue-eyed little girl who had a lot of friends. One day I remember walking past the windows of my school and stopping to look at my reflection. I like who I was then. That memory, that reflection, when my hair was gold and my eyes were sapphire, is who I want to be.

I look at myself now and I'm different. My features are almost exactly the same, only slightly maturer. But something's wrong. Sometime between then and now, a light went out. The flame is gone from my eyes. My smile is missing something generous.

In elementary, I changed schools. I was a stranger wherever I went, and I never quite fit in. I was a glove that fit no one's hand. I remember sitting in the baseball field of my sixth and final elementary school. I remember the wind bringing small wisps of conversation to me, the words swirling around my head and playing with my hair. But I was never included in any of those groups or their talks. For the longest time, my only friends were the flowers and the clouds were my confidants.

It changed in seventh grade. My first day in class and my first day with a new friend. We had to pick partners for a project. Everyone else knew each other from kindergarten, except for me and her. I remember when she walked up to me and we both asked, simultaneously, 'Do you want to be my partner? She may not have realized it, but she was a point of light shining through the cloud over my head, with her bouncing black curls and her eyes peeking through those glasses. I'll never forget it. Later, I met more friends and there was even more light.

Every once in awhile, when my friends and I unwind, I remember those points of light, growing brighter each day. I guess that's why I'm loud. I'm celebrating the lights that drove away the rain that once battered me and drowned out my tears. I don't know what I'd do without my friends today, they make the world go around for me. They brought the light back into my life.

Reason, Season, or a Lifetime

"One Striped Fish"
By Chad Freeman, 11
"Surrounded"
By Jen Kovacs, 12

By Valerie Raygoza

People come into your life for a reason, season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do.

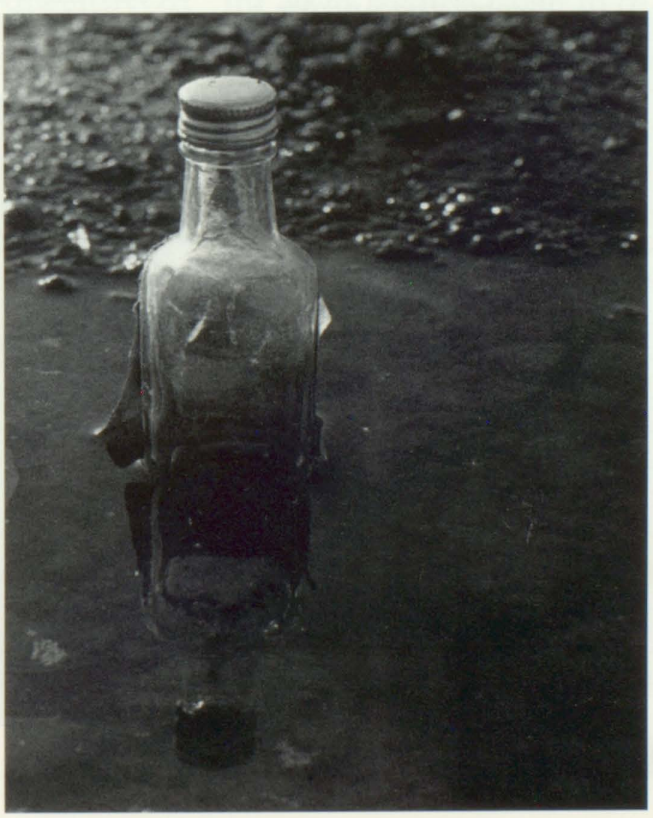
When someone is in your life for a reason, it is usually to meet a need. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. But because they are only in your life for the reason you need them, this relationship must come to an end. Sometimes they die, sometimes they walk away, sometimes they behave in a way that forces you to walk away. What you must realize is that your need for them has been met and their work is done.

When people come into your life for a season, it is because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They may bring you a new experience. They may make you laugh. They may teach you something you've never thought of before. You may do the same for them. They usually bring you an unimaginable amount of joy. Believe in it, it's real! But only for a season.

Lifetime relationships teach you lifetime lessons, these are the things that you must build upon to have a solid, emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson that this person taught you, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships in your life.

It is said that love is blind, but friendship is true.

"Star Struck Water"
By Charles Marotta, 10



"Bottle"
By Josephine Cheung, 11

I Ran

By Frances Swengel

Someone told me I shouldn't write about something that might upset people, but this was put upon my heart. It may get some folks a little heated up with their beliefs and whatnot, but I have to write this.

I love to write. It has always been a passion of mine, a way to freely express feelings from the very depths of my soul which I never knew were there...until I wrote about them. I've always thought of writing as something you're not supposed to understand the first time you read it. You find out and feel something new every time. That's how I wanted my writing—my art, my voice, my words—to be, but I could never find a muse. I didn't know I needed to open up. For years, I tried in vain to find the one thing that would make my writing and everything I did the best it could possibly be.

I knew the answer all along though. I just didn't like it, so I went my own way. I guess I was hoping to avoid the tasks and trials waiting for me. So, I ran.

I ran from my dreams, my life, myself. I thought I was escaping and becoming free, but in truth, I felt trapped. The whole time, I knew I was just digging myself into the deepest, darkest hole that anyone could ever imagine, but I kept going, not caring if anyone cried for me. All I really wanted was for someone to hold me close and tell me everything was going to be okay. You know, someone who would just lie to me so I would feel better. I didn't want to listen to the people who truly loved me because I knew then I would have to face the hard stuff. I wanted life to be easy, although I also knew it never would be.

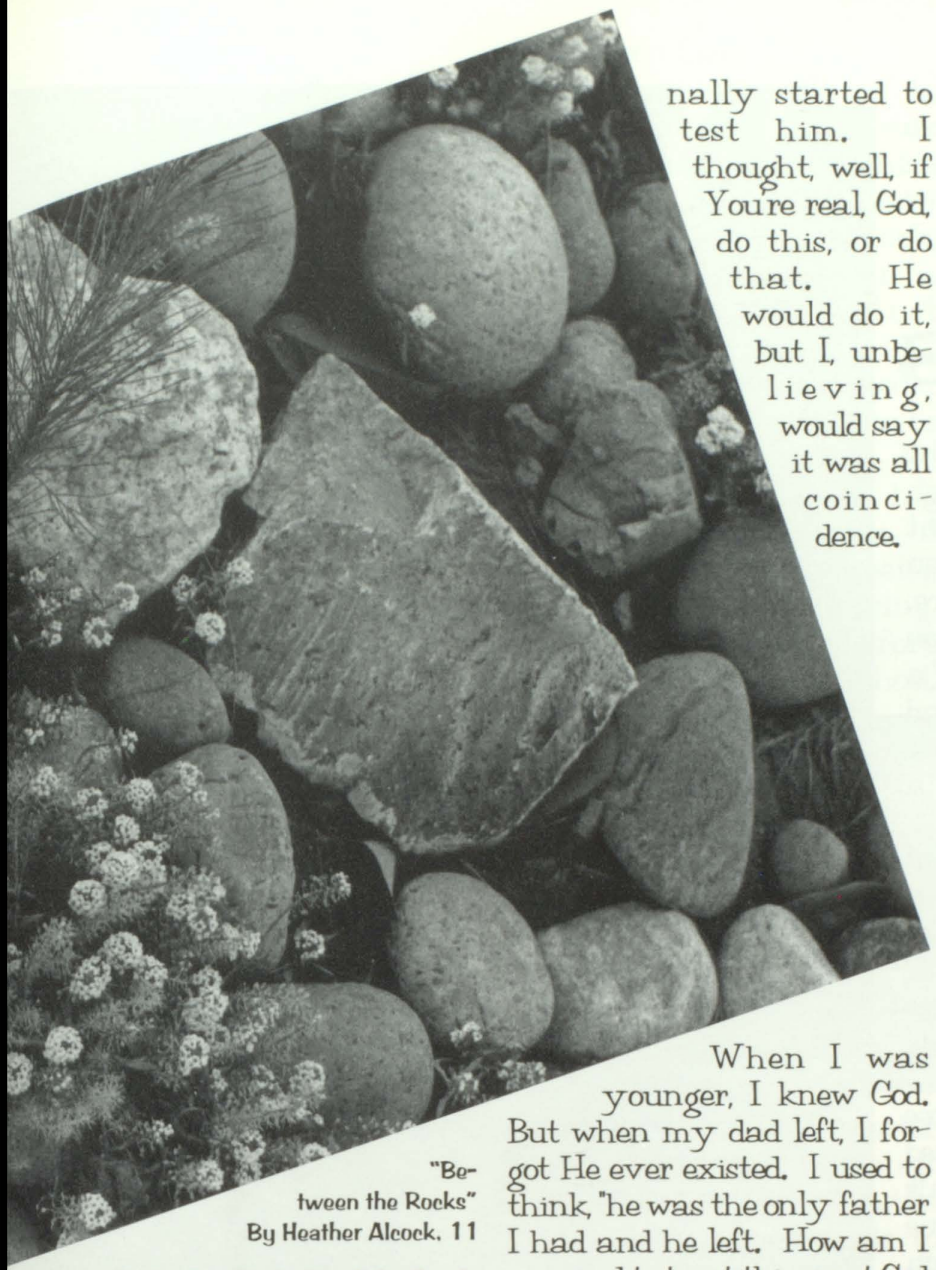
But God chased me, and chased me, and chased me, until I finally gave in. I found out that you could run all you want, but you will never get far. I found out that God was not like Santa Claus and that He was real.

It was all right to believe.

In January, during the weekend of Martin Luther King Junior's birthday, I was way up in the snow, high above the world. I found I was so close to God that I could talk to Him myself. I've learned that believing in God is just like a relationship. That's the beauty of it. He's like the father I've always dreamed of having, but also much more. His love is truly unconditional. Even when I find it's hard to forgive myself, He forgives me right away. And he always tells me He loves me.

"Tunnel Vision"
By Frank Camacho, 12

The first time I heard someone say God loved me, I was in seventh or eighth grade. It didn't really sink in then, because I was very doubtful that something so great actually existed. But I kept hearing it again, and again, and again, until I fi-



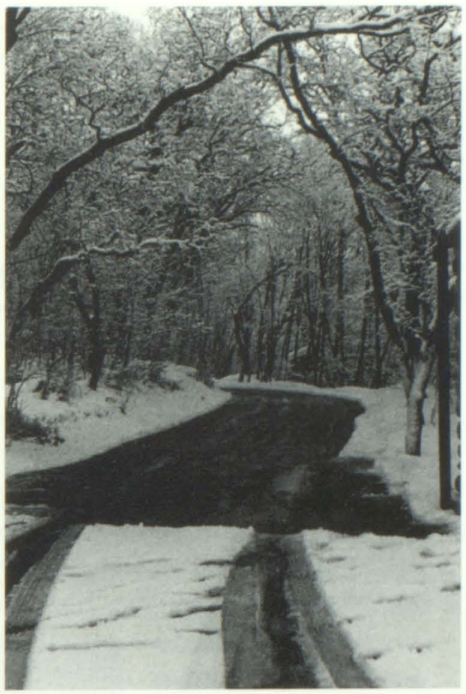
"Between the Rocks" By Heather Alcock, 11

"At the Beach" By Sarah Coelho, 9

nally started to test him. I thought, well, if You're real, God, do this, or do that. He would do it, but I, unbelieving, would say it was all coincidence.

When I was younger, I knew God. But when my dad left, I forgot He ever existed. I used to think, "he was the only father I had and he left. How am I supposed to trust this great God who is also supposed to be my father? How could He let this happen?" I wondered about this all the time, until last year, when someone told me again that God loved me.

For some reason, this time, I heard. I burst into tears and He said to me, "Song Bird, everything happens for a reason according to My plan. Just think, if you did not go through this suffering, you wouldn't be able to help those who go through it afterward. I never wanted to hurt you. You said you loved Me, and



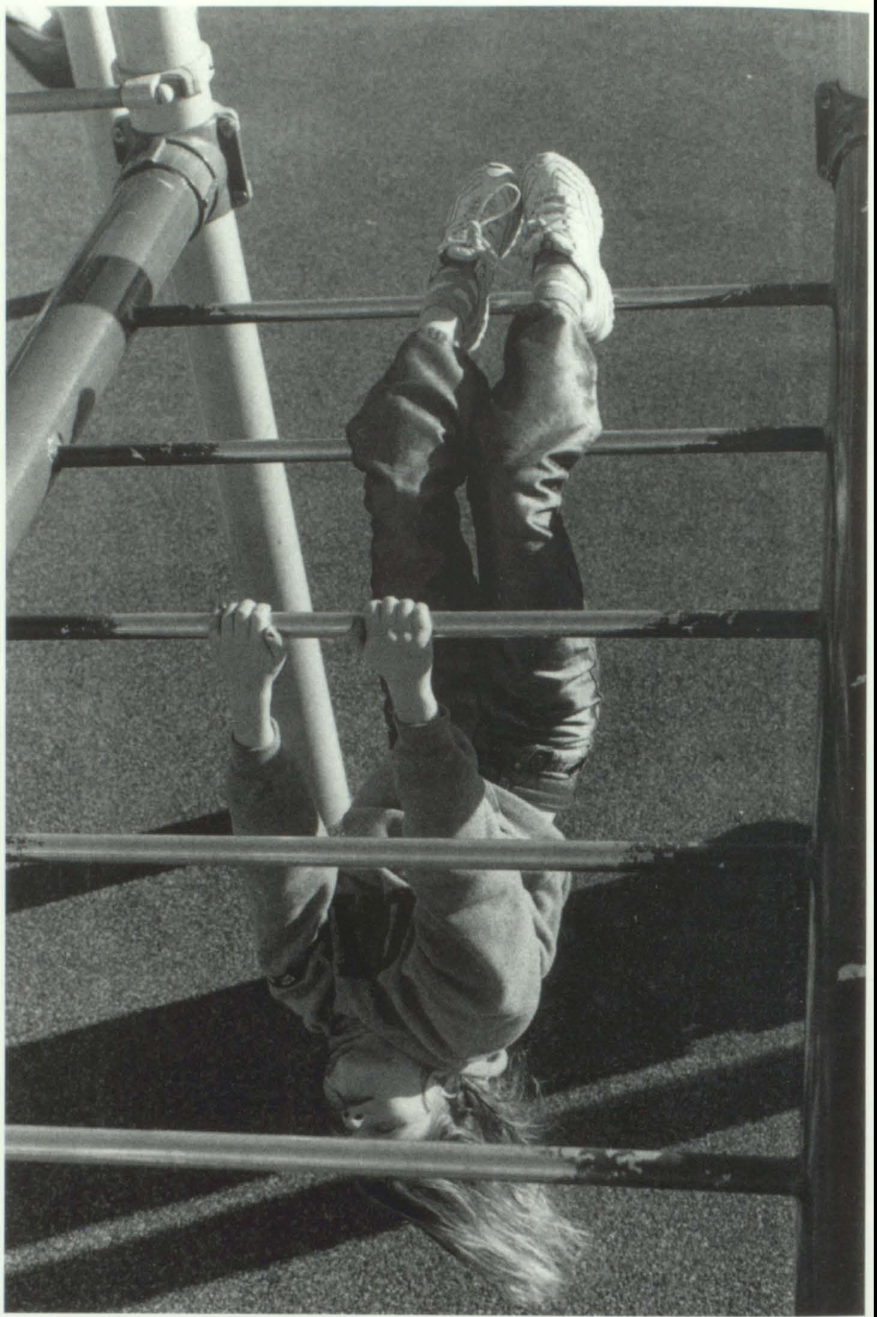
"Pathway of Life" By Jennie Martin, 11

at the first test of faith, you push Me aside to the very back of your mind thinking that will wipe away the pain and tears. I love you. All you had to do was trust ME. All you have to do now is trust ME."

I couldn't believe I cried, because I've always been too strong to cry. I always thought I couldn't let my family down because I had to be the one to make them smile, to give them hope. I found out that I don't have to be strong anymore, God is our hope, not me. Once I realized this and let Him work through me and tear down the walls I had put up, I began to live and breathe for Him, and for my art. He was what I was looking for. He was my muse all along.

I got my dreams back. I ran from Him, and yet He welcomed me back with open arms and held me. I'm finally free, and I thank God everyday for that.

"Just Hanging Around"
By Ashley Misener, 9



Dreams

By Shayna Butler

Do you ever feel like the world can't see you? Although you're standing right in front of someone, they don't even realize that you're there. Sometimes you feel that you could stand in the middle of a busy street and scream and no one would hear you. You're just one more person in a crowd of nameless faces.

Everyone dreams of being seen and making a mark in this world, but what happens to those dreams? They are stolen or erased over time by people who have lost their dreams long ago.

What if we kept those dreams? What if we looked at them as obtainable goals and not empty hopes? Some people do this and they reach their goals. Think of all the people you look up to, movie stars, musicians, people who are written up in history books...heroes. They didn't make it by saying that it was impossible for them to make a difference. They all went through incredible hardships to make it big. They believed that there was a power inside of them that could change the world.

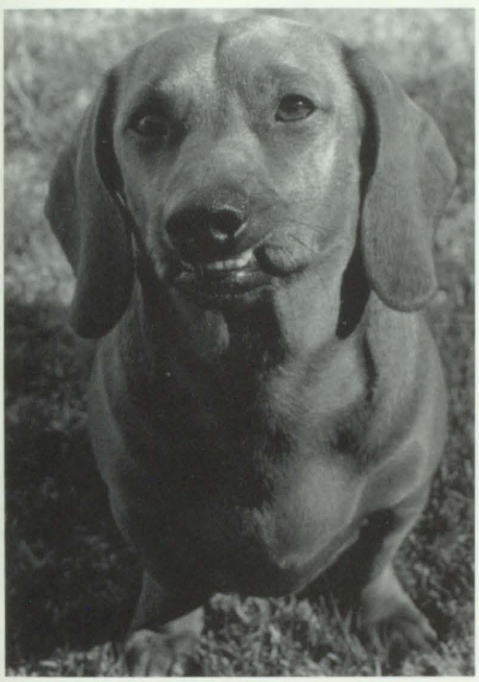
We have that power inside of us too. All we have to do is believe in it and believe that we can make a difference. That's all it takes. If we believe in something then we will work toward it and eventually we will accomplish it. Things may not happen right away, change is slow and people don't always accept it, but eventually your voice will grow so loud that no one will be able to ignore it. You may even start to hear echos of your words being said by other people.

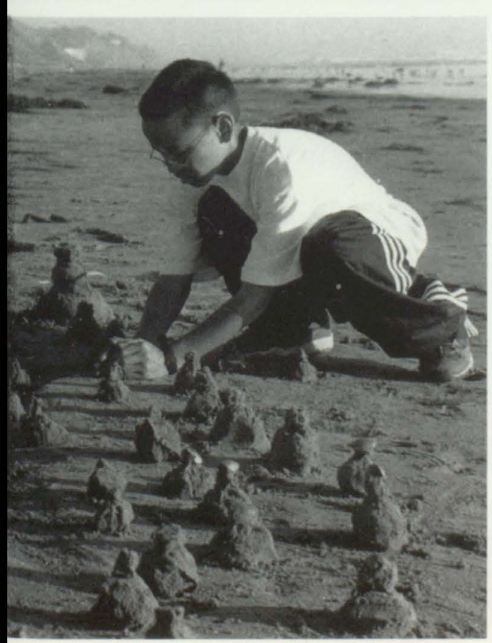
One person can make a difference. Don't let anyone take away your dreams because these dreams can come true if you just believe in them.

The Dream

By Wilson Lieu

Clockwise, from top:
"Leave Me Alone..."
By Jennifer Schaak, 11
"Molly"
By Craig Whys, 11
"Smile"
By Michelle Deering, 12





"Preparation for Destruction"
By Allison Garcia, 11

Jim was walking to school one day, when a pack of ninjas pop out of nowhere and strike him down with their kodachis. Fade to black.

He wakes in a cold sweat. "Must have been a dream..." Looks at the clock. "Yikes, I'm going to be late for school!" He rushes through his morning routine of brushing his teeth, showering, dressing, and eating before heading off to school.

Just as he was about to enter the campus gates, a ninja jumped out and hit Jim in the head with a star. Fade to black.

He wakes in a cold sweat. "Two dreams in a row? That's pretty strange..." He notices the time. "Uh, oh...I'd better get moving." Morning routine. brushing teeth, showering, dressing, and eating a bit faster. He makes it to school, running through the gate and dodging the ninja attack. As he runs past the ninja, Jim turns his head to stick his tongue out at them. Unfortunately, this means he doesn't see the closed doors of the school. Splat! Fade to black.

He wakes in a cold sweat. "What is going ON!?" He looks at the clock. It is later now. Morning routine. brushing teeth, showering, dressing, and eating in a panic. He sprints to school and makes it through the ninja attack and the front doors...only to slip on some floor wax the janitor had spilt. Fade to black.

He wakes in a cold sweat. "Arrghh!" He looks at the clock to see that it is even later. Morning routine. brush teeth, shower, dress, eat...in fast forward. He races to school, survives the ninja, doors and jumps over the wax...only to land head first into a inconveniently placed wastebasket. Fade to black.

He wakes in a...aww you should know by now. "This is too weird..." He looks at the clock. He'll be lucky if he makes second period. "Aw, heck..." Jim's eyes widen in horror. "The TEST! Darn!" Morning routine, teeth, skip the shower, dress, eat in hyperdrive. He mad dashes to school and...sees his cousin Anne with a rope in her hand. She lets go of the rope. Camera pans up to show the bottom of a large, heavy object approaching the top of Jim's head quite rapidly. WHAM! Fade to black.

Anne wakes with a lazy yawn. "What a weird dream..." She looks at the clock. It is earlier than usual. As she heads down for breakfast, Jim pops out of nowhere, shouts "SGG'KNOTH K'ZLITH NG'THARTHE! CTHULHU! CTHULHU!" and flattens her with a mallet. Fade to black.

Anne wakes in a cold sweat.

Untitled

By Corrin Hess

The guitar case was a worn and weathered blue suede. It sat halfway open, propped up against the brick wall against which he was slouching. His long, crinkled fingers were softly strumming the strings. He closed his eyes, then quietly opened them, looked around the street, hoped for people to throw some change or crumpled dollar bills into the guitar case beside him.

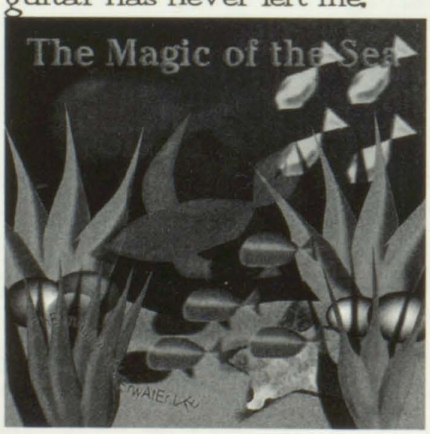
As I walked by, his head turned and the world stopped for the both of us. As our eyes met, I read him like a book. It was almost as if he had wanted that to happen.

I saw the sincerity inside him, as well as the pain and shame he deals with every day he lives on the streets. His gray scraggly hair drooped across his eyes, covering his sullen, wrinkled face. Then he lowered his head as if in embarrassment.

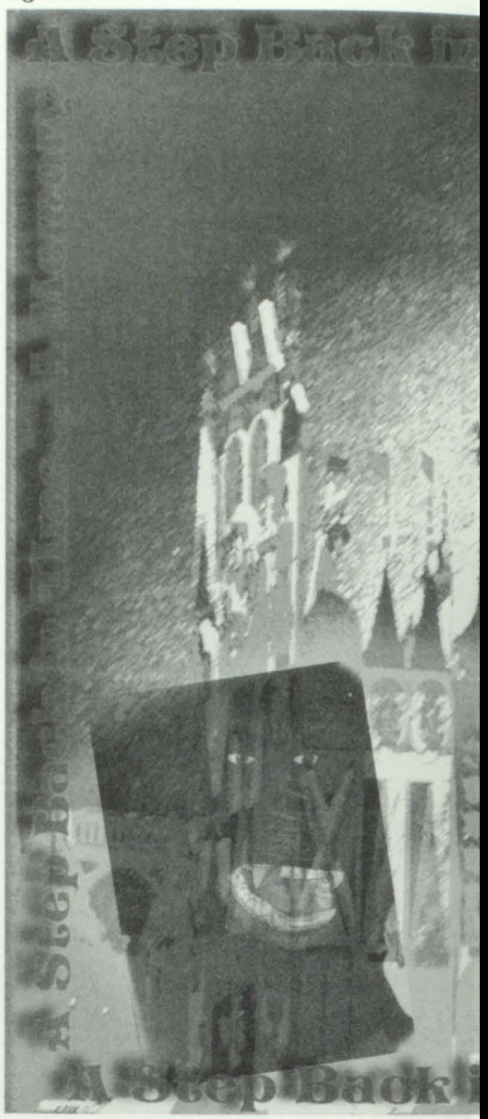
At that moment, I realized something. I did not *need* the five dollars I had in my pocket, he was the one that *needed* it. Maybe it would buy him a hot dog when his stomach turned violently with hunger during the night...or a hot cup of coffee when the cold morning arrived.

I stopped in front of him and pulled out the last of my money. With a smile, I dropped my five dollars into the case and said "Good luck."

As I walked away, I turned my head to catch a last glimpse of the old man. He responded, "God bless you...this song is for you." The look in his eye and the tune he was strumming on his old guitar has never left me.

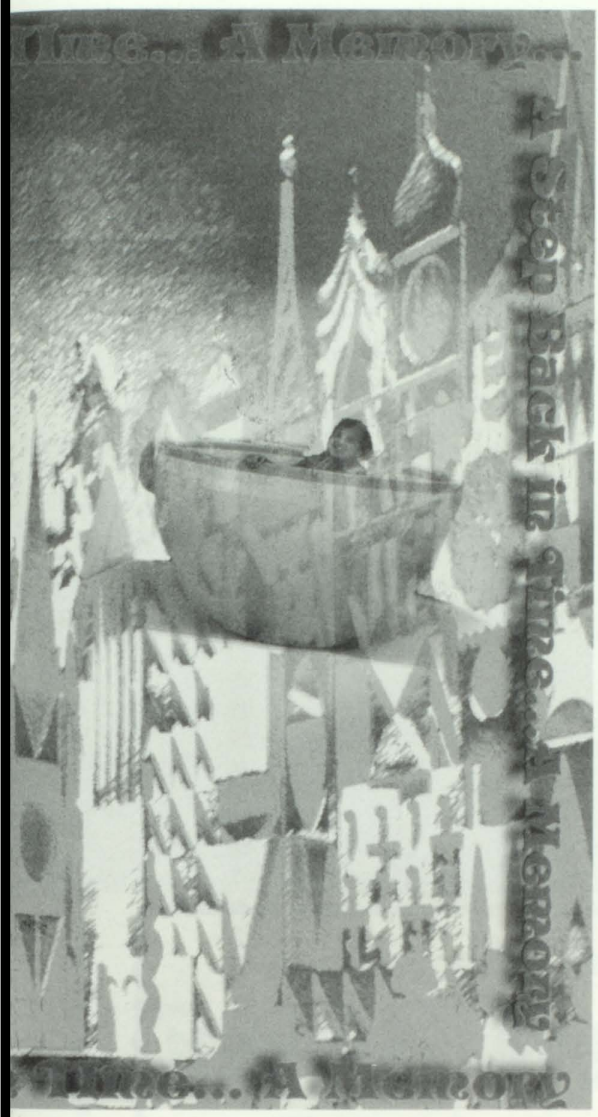


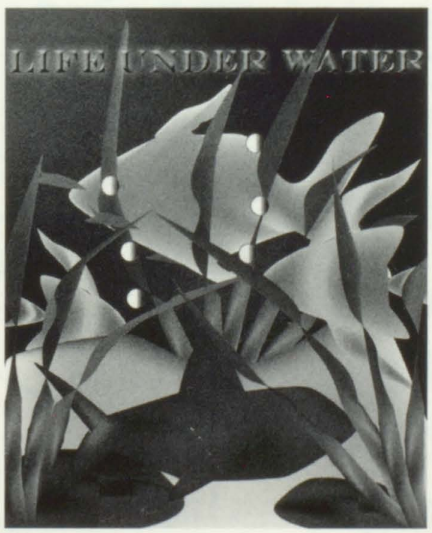
"Butterfly"
By Wen Jue Wu, 12
"A Day Back In Time"
By Sarah Sohail, 9



"School"
By Brandon Harrison, 10
"The Magic of the Sea"
By Kristin Lee, 9

People





"Life Underwater"
By Vu Chu, 9
"Vote for the Future"
By Tian Jiang, 12

By Bo Du

In the beginning of the year, our English class played the XY game. We got into six teams, and each team got a card, which had an X on one side and a Y on the other. An X is worth five points if all six teams choose it, the Y is worth ten points if only one team chooses it. Any other combination of letters means no points for anyone.

The teams send one person to negotiate which letter they'll choose. During the first round, I went up for my group. Dave, who came from another group, said, 'Hey you guys, we're all going to show X so we'll all get five points.' Of course, everyone agrees. But when it came time to raise the cards high overhead to show the letters we chose, only three of us put up the X side. The other teams all thought they could double their points by lying about what they were going to do. As a result, no one got any points at all.

This was just an ordinary class activity, but it made me wonder...why did so many people give up five guaranteed points and betray their classmates just for a chance to get more points?

After 1.5 million years of evolution, from lowly apemen to people who can fly in the sky, what have we become? Most folks would say we are smarter, that we are not like the other animals because we are highly intelligent thinking creatures who rule this planet.

That may be true, but meanwhile, we have also become much more insidious and greedy than our ancestors. We use the dirtiest tricks—things that other animals wouldn't even think of—to fight amongst ourselves to get what we want. It's like you step on other peoples heads to climb higher.

Stupid and selfish human beings don't want to share what they have, and they don't want to work harder than other people to get what they want. This is why communism will never work. Actually, we probably did have communism that worked at one time, when people were half ape and lived together in small societies that took care of their own. Back then, no one could afford to be selfish or stupid, because they wouldn't survive if they were. Everyone did what they needed to do and shared their efforts with others.

Today, we are even worse than wolves. At least wolves work together and share what they've hunted. Maybe they're communists.

A Rose, A Kiss

By Shanna M. Cooper

Forgive me for my imagery
If not my simplification
But why cannot love be
As it is in our imaginations?

He hands me a rose with a smile
He hands me a rose with a kiss
And the scent lingers a while
And this gesture is not remiss

His kiss is as gentle as a rose petal
His kiss is as sweet as apples in fall
And in our love none can meddle
For this love we give our all

For love makes the heart soar
And love makes our hearts sing
And love strikes our heart's core
Because love is everything

And love can at times sting
And love can make you cry
And love can give you wings
And love can make you fly

Or so they romanticize
But what can I say
For love is held in the beholder's eyes
But of being in love, I have never felt this way.

Love is not perfect
But love is not a mistake
And when you love there is no defect
But your heart must give and take

But I am not so naïve as to think
That love is always returned
If I thought such then my innocence would have me sink
If I thought such my blindness would have me burned

But I am not so old as to believe
That love doesn't blossom overnight
And that love will always leave
And that love won't make my heart take flight

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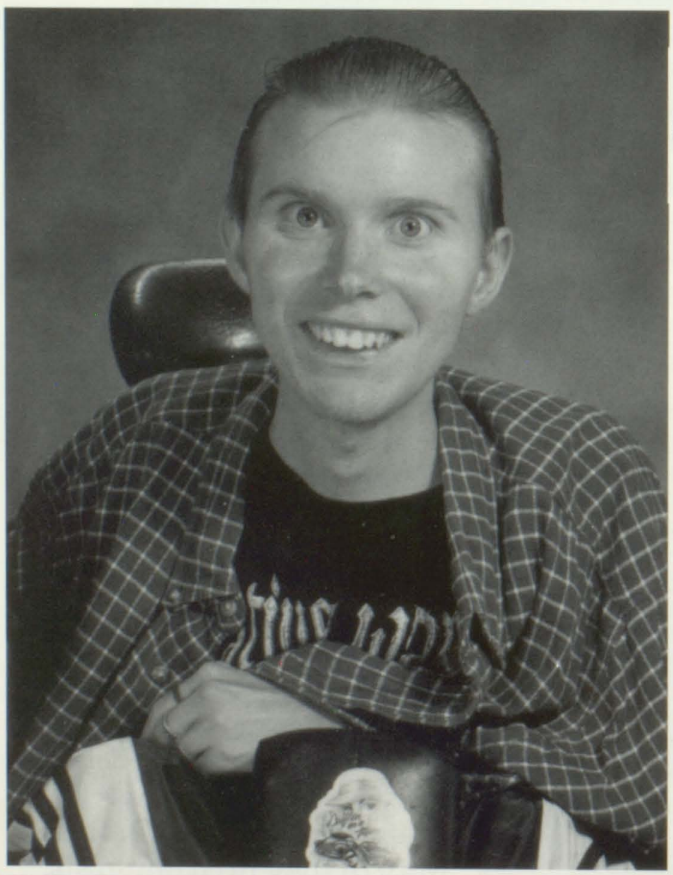
"Sea Life"
By Wen Jue Wu, 12



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-Color photos should be in CMYK mode and B/W photos should be in grayscale.

-Please be aware of your content...inappropriate or obscene comments and photos will be edited.

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Colophon

Like the Doors used to say...this is the end. And as always, at the end of any *Saga*, it is our duty to give credit where credit is due. First of all, much thanks to our cheerfully helpful Walsworth representative, Scot Townsend. Without his regular infusions of greasy french fries, we would never have had the energy to keep plugging away at our endless deadlines. Also, Tony Byrne, our Prestige representative, provided an invaluable service by supplying us with film and developing throughout the year.

Secondly, we want to express our sincere gratitude to a very supportive administration, especially Mr. Dave Howell, who's been here, done this, and knows from firsthand experience how demanding our work can be. Thank you all for having faith in a young and inexperienced staff and letting us learn from our mistakes without interference.

We also want to acknowledge the constant and uncomplaining cooperation from Irvington teachers, clerical and support staffs. After bugging them all year—with surveys, interviews, photographers pulling students out of class, disrupting classes, requests for supplies, requests for submissions, requests for information and whatever else we've asked for—it's hard to remember everything we've needed from you, but we know it was a LOT. Thank you all for your help this year...the book you're holding in your hands would not exist without it.

Finally, we raise our hats to Ms. Teri Hu, our beleaguered adviser, for leading us through a long and difficult year. Yes, it was a brutal journey for us all, from incessant computer glitches to the loss of eight staff members...but we made it! With the fantastic group we've assembled for next year, it can only get better, right?

Now, for the mundane details of production...

All of our 224 pages were designed on iMac DV Specials running OS 9.04. We used Adobe Pagemaker 6.5 for layouts, and Adobe Photoshop 5.5 for scanning and adjusting photos. Most copy was originally written on Appleworks 6.

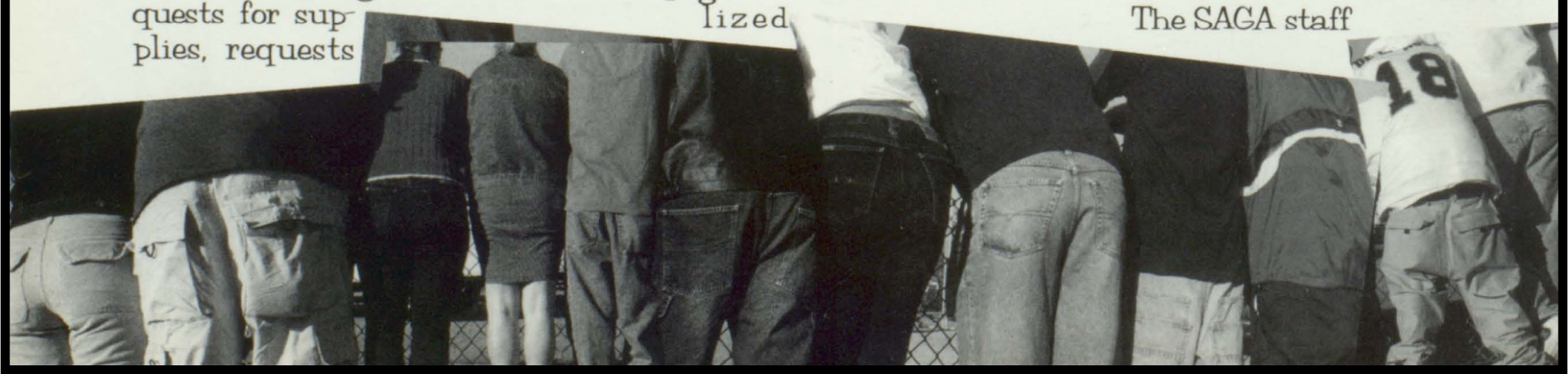
The 2001 *Saga* was organized into four major sections, Events, Academics, Sports and People. Each section begins with a full-color division page and we have utilized spot color throughout the book to enhance its visual appeal. For the first time in the *Saga*'s history, we have included an arts and literature supplement, *Coda*, to showcase student work. It is our hope that it will eventually become its own publication.

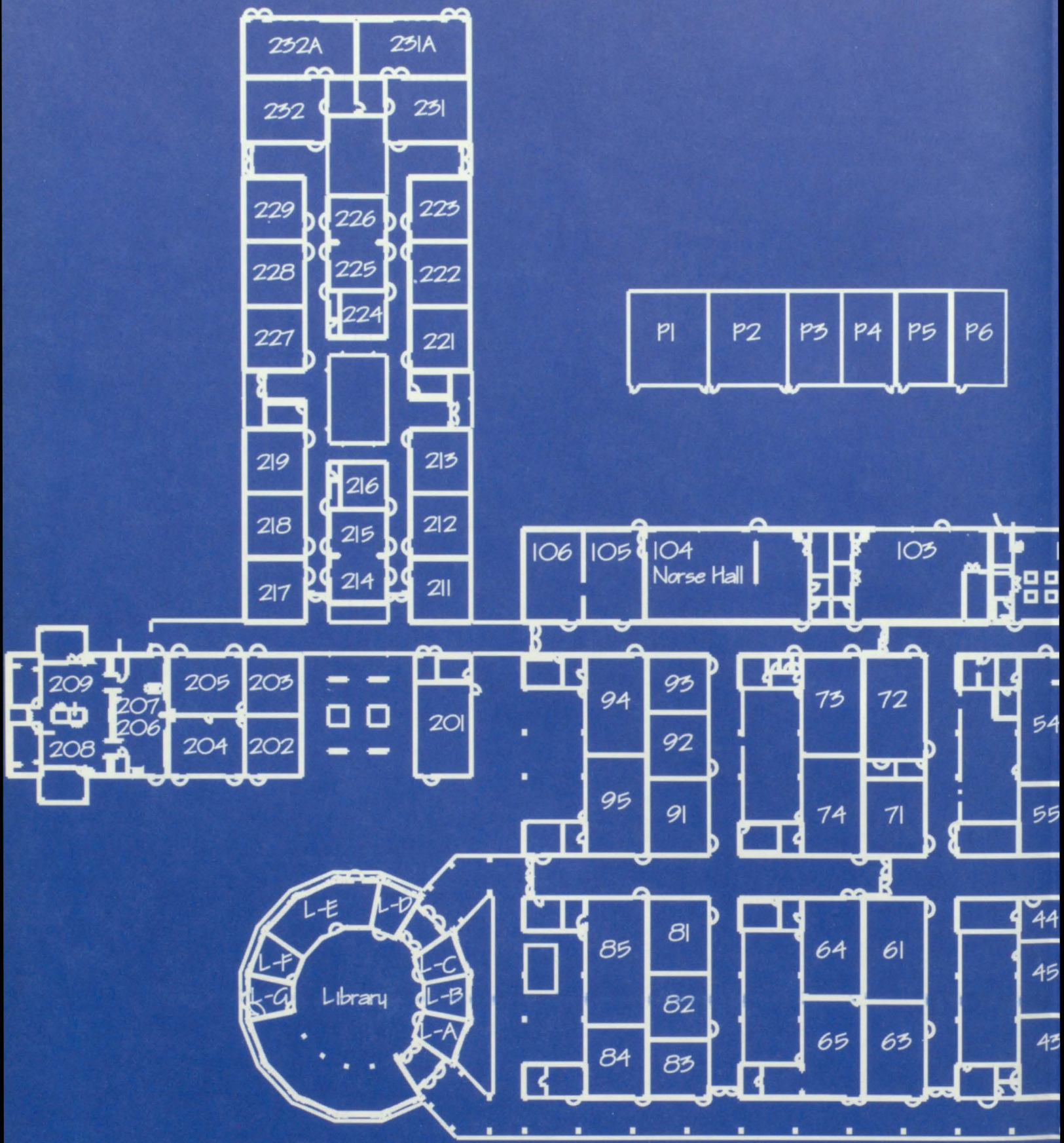
We chose 12-point IronMaiden for our copy font, 10-point Braddon for our caption font, and each section had its own unique headline font, in varying sizes, as follows: Events, Cameron; Academics, OneChild; Sports, Lunchbox; People, Abyss; Coda, Freetime.

Within the People section, we assigned a color to each class: Freshmen, green; Sophomores, yellow; Juniors, orange; Seniors, red. We owe our heartfelt thanks to Trinity Peterson, who created the excellent tags for each class division page. All the other dividers were done in varying shades of Old Blue, as befits any true Irvingtonian.

It has been a challenge and a pleasure to create this yearbook. We now present it to you, the Irvington community, in the hopes that you will find as much enjoyment in perusing it as we have had in producing it.

The SAGA staff





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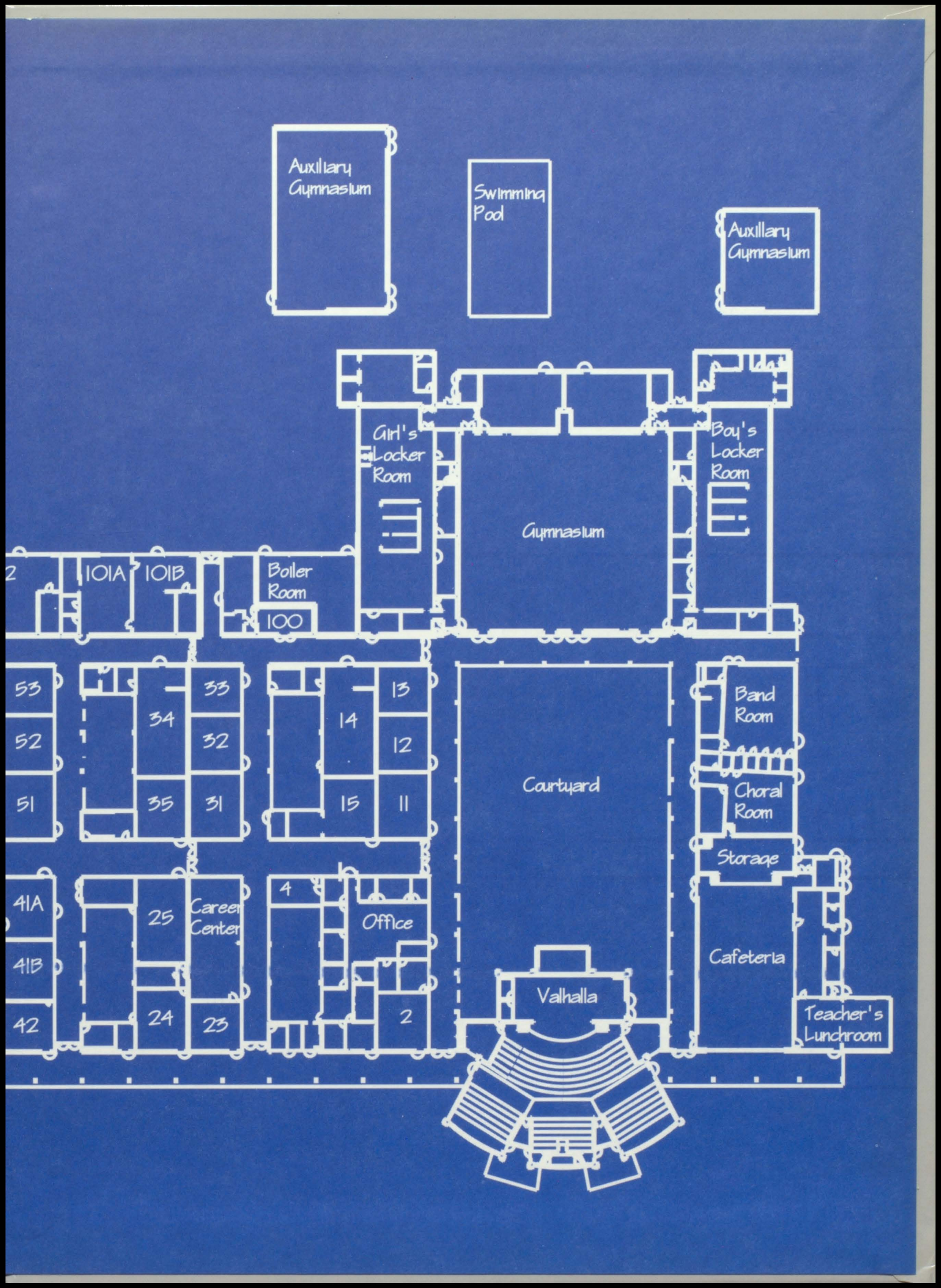
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